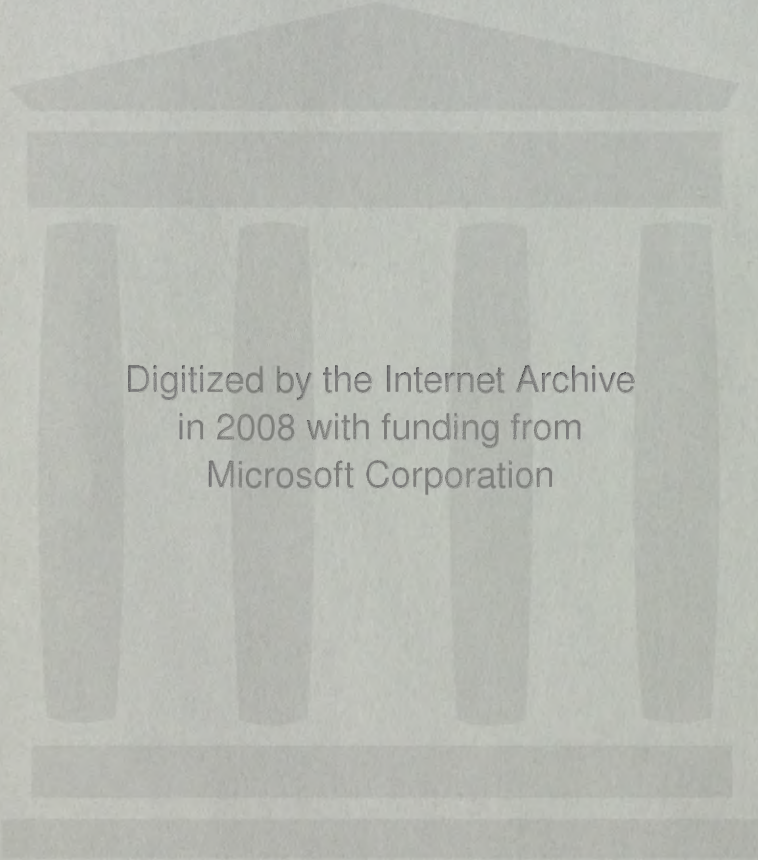


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HON. JAMES F. WILSON.

No compendium such as this work defines in its essential limitations will serve to offer a fit memorial to the life and work of the Hon. James F. Wilson, who without invidious distinction may be termed the foremost citizen of Fairfield. He left his impress not only upon community affairs but upon the history of state and nation. As student, legislator, constitutional lawyer and statesman he aided in guiding the destinies of the commonwealth and the country through critical crises and the greatness of the man was never more potently shown than in his single-minded devotion to duty without thought of self or of the honors which he was all unconsciously winning.

The facts of his life are but the bare outline and they who would know of the real man must read between the lines to learn of the spirit which prompted him in all of his undertakings whether of an individual or public character. He was born in Newark, Ohio, October 19, 1828, his parents being David S. and Kitty Ann Wilson, who were married in Newark, the former, however, having previously been a resident of Morgantown, Virginia, and the latter of Chillicothe, Ohio. While their financial resources were limited, they were people of the utmost rectitude, of much native intelligence and of sterling worth. Their Christian faith as members of the Methodist Episcopal church was expressed in their daily lives and the high ideals with which they were imbued by their religious belief guided them in the rearing of their children, of whom James F. was the eldest of three. The father died in Newark, Ohio, in 1839, and the mother, reaching an advanced age, passed away in Fairfield, Iowa, January 28, 1875.

Owing to the straitened financial circumstances of the family at the time of the father's death James F. Wilson, then but a lad of ten years, was forced to take up life's battles. With unflinching courage he met duty and came off victor in the strife. His earnings went to the support of his widowed mother and younger brother and sister and he uncomplainingly performed the service of apprenticeship at the harness maker's trade, without useless repining over his lack of opportunities and advantages which many other boys enjoyed. The time he spent in school was exceedingly limited but as one of his biographers has said "such was the vitality of his mind and such his intuitive perception of the valley of knowledge that

he bent circumstances to his will and through individual application and the timely assistance of immediate personal friends he managed to secure a good practical education, including a knowledge of the Latin language. In this connection it is interesting to recall the great interest which he manifested in the cause of education in later years, when he had attained to distinguished position and financial independence." Facing life and its responsibilities thus early, Mr. Wilson seriously considered the question of choosing a life work and, believing that he would find the profession of law congenial and hoping that he might find it profitable, he entered upon active preparation for the bar through the assistance of William B. Woods, then a practicing lawyer of Newark, Ohio, and later an associate justice of the supreme court of the United States. Judge Woods placed his law library at the command of Mr. Wilson and directed his reading and study, giving him many kindly words of advice and useful suggestions as to making the most of his time and opportunities in the mastery of the principles of jurisprudence. In 1851 Mr. Wilson was admitted to practice before the bar of Ohio and for a year and a half thereafter followed his profession in Newark. During that period, however, he considered the advisability of establishing his home beyond the Mississippi, believing that in the then new and growing west better opportunities would be offered a young man. He brought with him as a companion and helpmate in his new home a young wife, having on the 25th of November, 1852, wedded Miss Mary A. K. Jewett, the second daughter of Alpheus and Aletha Jewett, of Newark, Ohio. Soon after their marriage they sailed down the Ohio river to St. Louis and up the Mississippi to Burlington, whence they traveled by stage to Fairfield. Throughout all the ensuing years of a happy married life they retained a residence in this city, remaining not only among its most honored and respected citizens but receiving there the affectionate regard and love which comes from close companionship and intimate acquaintance with true friends.

Mr. Wilson at once entered upon the practice of law in Jefferson county and in speaking of his professional career at the time of his death the Fairfield Ledger said: "Nor was he long in commanding recognition as an able, conscientious and successful practitioner. He rapidly acquired a remunerative practice and soon stood in the front rank of his profession; but it was not as a lawyer trying cases in state and United States courts, wherein he was destined to attain the full measure of his success and prominence. However certain or ascendant would have been the promotion accorded him in the narrower limits of his profession, they could not have been more satisfactory to himself or useful to the public than those resulting from his preeminent services in the field of state and national organic and statutory lawmaking. In his early days, amid fast accumulating professional

duties, he found time to write the leading editorials of his party's local paper. The rare ability there displayed in dealing with political questions, then in a formative state, won for him an abiding confidence in the integrity of his political thought and actions that followed him closely throughout his extended public career."

It would have been impossible for a man of Mr. Wilson's marked ability and public spirit to remain in the seclusion of private life. His fitness for high offices and honors was soon recognized; the sterling worth of his manhood was evident from the time of his arrival here and both by what he said and what he did. He had been a resident of Fairfield for less than four years when he was chosen a delegate to the convention called to revise the state constitution, and of which convention there was one only younger member. His mature wisdom and judgment seemed beyond his years and he was also fertile and expedient in hours of required resource. He left his impress indelibly upon the organic law of the state, aiding in formulating many important passages and with remarkable sagacity safeguarding the state in the future as well as in the hour in which the constitution was formed and adopted. The following year there came to him additional honors through public service, the governor appointing him assistant commissioner of the Des Moines river improvement, then a matter of much concern to the people of the state. His next public office was an elective one, his county sending him as a republican member to the general assembly. He was soon recognized as one of the most earnest and capable working members of that body and especially did important service as chairman of the committee on ways and means. His next step in advance came to him in his election to the state senate in 1859 and during the first year of his connection with the upper house he was made a member of the judiciary committee, through whose hands passed for final inspection a recent recompilation of the laws of the state, since known as the revision of 1860. He was chosen president of the senate during the second year of his service and then passed on to the national halls of legislation. In this connection the Fairfield Ledger wrote: "Possessed of great natural ability as a writer and speaker, well disciplined in the law, familiar with parliamentary rules and usages, painstaking to a degree, unsurpassed in every undertaking, and patriotic to the core, Mr. Wilson was elected as a republican representative in congress for the unexpired term of General Samuel R. Curtis. He was reelected without opposition in nominating convention to the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth and fortieth congresses, serving from December 2, 1861, to March 3, 1869, his retirement in the latter year being made possible only through his positive and repeated declination of further renomination. On his entrance into congress he divided with one other the sole responsibility of representing the state of Iowa in the

house of representatives. The labor performed in committee work is recognized as 'a fair test of any man's zeal, industry and influence in any legislative body.' Without regard, then, to Mr. Wilson's conceded power as an advocate, his logic and eloquence in the arena of debate and simply applying to him this fair test of legislative usefulness and fidelity, it will be found that, while he may have had equals, he had no superiors in this particular among all his able contemporaries. A hard worker at a mechanical trade at twenty-one, chairman of the judiciary committee of the American house of representatives at thirty-five and a member of which he was at thirty-three, is tribute enough to the man of talents and equally splendid to the absolute freedom of aspiration and achievement accorded the single individual under our matchless republican institutions. Mr. Wilson was, perhaps, the youngest man ever assigned to this important committee, yet he served thereon throughout his entire service in the house and during the last six years, as already indicated, was its honored chairman. This committee, on account of prevailing Civil war, the consequent conflicts arising between constitution and statutes, intensified by the repression of the rebellion, and intrusion upon congressional action of a perfect multitude of perplexing legal questions attendant upon the reconstruction of erring states, was forced into the controlling rank and a conspicuous responsibility unknown before or since. It was a severe test to any man, however ripe in years or special acquirements, but when applied it found in Mr. Wilson an all sufficient conscience and capacity. 'That he remained uninterruptedly at its head and that no measure favorably reported upon by him in this committee failed in the house is the best assurance of the confidence placed by congress in his work.' "

The congressional records attest the worth of Mr. Wilson's service in Washington. In December, 1861, he introduced a resolution to instruct the committee on military affairs to report an additional article of war, prohibiting the use of United States forces to return fugitive slaves. On March 19, 1864, being the 1st day of the first session of the 38th Congress, Mr. Wilson gave notice of his intention and on the following day there was his fulfillment by introduction of a joint resolution looking to the adoption of the Thirteenth Amendment to the constitution, and he has been accorded the credit of being the first man of national legislation acting in this respect. It was Mr. Wilson who reported from the judiciary committee a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution to forbid the payment of any portion of the Confederate debt and materially aided in its passage in the house though the measure was defeated in the senate. However, the object and purport of this measure became subsequently a part of the fourteenth constitutional amendment. Mr. Wilson also reported from the judiciary committee a bill providing for the en-

franchisement of the colored people of the District of Columbia, another giving freedom to the wives and children of the colored Union soldiers, and the great civil rights bill.

Mr. Wilson stood as a sturdy opponent to the impeachment of Andrew Johnson, president of the United States, when that subject came before the fortieth congress, and the fact that after a most exciting debate he carried his minority report through the house is indicative of his personal influence and of the confidence reposed in his judgment by his associates. He declined high honors when General Grant, following his first election, tendered him the portfolio of the secretary of state and later the choice of two other cabinet appointments, but he felt at that time that his attention was needed by his private affairs. Accordingly, he returned home and through the succeeding twelve years gave his undivided time and energies to the management of private and professional interests, serving only during that period as a government director of the Union Pacific Railroad, which position he filled for eight years.

When his private interests were in such a condition that he felt he might again devote much time to public service, he reentered public life and following the announcement of his candidacy for the United States senate was unanimously elected by the legislature. Reelection continued him in that office from March 4, 1883, until the expiration of his second term on the 3d of March, 1895. In the senate as in the house his record was characterized by strict adherence to the highest ideals of citizenship, based upon a comprehensive understanding of vital and significant questions, combined with practical measures for the attainment of the ends most to be desired. He was made a member of a number of the most important committees, including those on revision of laws, foreign relations, postoffice, pensions, educational, labor, census, inter-state commerce and the judiciary, being chairman of the first mentioned committee and second in rank on the judiciary. Of this period of his life a contemporary biographer has said: "His service in the great national deliberative body was marked by that same broad wisdom, fidelity and industry which had characterized him as a public official throughout his previous service and he thus added to his reputation as a broad and liberal-minded statesman. He was the author of the 'original package act,' passed by the fifty-first congress, its purpose being to give force and effectiveness to the enactments of the several states regulative or prohibitive of the traffic in intoxicating liquors."

While his attention was largely on the questions and affairs of national moment, Mr. Wilson never forgot the city and county of his adoption and felt the deepest concern for the welfare and improvement of his home district. He never regarded its interests as too small and unimportant to

claim his time and attention. He labored untiringly in behalf of the Jefferson County Library Association with the result that largely through his efforts a fine library building with exceptional equipment was secured. From the time the association was organized he contributed generously to its maintenance, increasing his benefactions in due proportion as his financial resources permitted. He regarded this as one of the sources of general education and each year gave to the library many volumes, while his influence was the potent force in securing the cooperation of Andrew Carnegie in a gift that enabled the association to erect its present magnificent building, the quarter of a block upon which the building stands being the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. This was but one of many ways in which Mr. Wilson manifested his deep interest in the city which he always regarded as his home. It was there many of his warmest friends lived and no matter how exalted the station in which he found himself he never forgot the associates of his earlier manhood, ever keeping for them a warm place in his heart.

The home life of James F. Wilson was largely ideal. As the years passed three children came to bless the household, of whom Rollin J., the eldest son, is now a lawyer of Fairfield. The daughter, Mary B., remains with her mother at the old family residence and James F. is an enterprising young business man of Fairfield. A short time after his retirement from the United States senate Mr. Wilson passed away, on the 22d of April, 1895, being in the sixty-seventh year of his age. His remains were laid to rest in Evergreen cemetery, his name is engraven high on the list of America's most honored men, and his memory is sacredly cherished by all who knew him. Of him it was written: "Endowed with a rugged honesty of purpose, a man of independent thought and action, one whose integrity and honor were so absolute as to compel the respect and confidence of his fellowmen, one whose life was filled with 'ceaseless toil and endeavor' and whose strength was as the number of his days, one whose motives were of that ideal order that practically made his life a consecration to duty and to the measure of his possibilities for accomplishing good—it is not strange that the biographer should hesitate when he attempts to render the lines which shall pay a fitting memoir to such a good man and true as was United States Senator James F. Wilson."

Certainly one of the most impartial estimates of his life character and ability was given in the Burlington Gazette, a democratic paper, in commenting upon Mr. Wilson's address before a meeting called for congratulation over the recovery of the president, a meeting non-partisan in character. The Gazette wrote: "Separating, as must sometimes be done, the orator from the man and candidate, it is but just to recognize the many sided ability of Mr. James F. Wilson. His address at Logan at the recent

meeting of rejoicing over the prospective recovery of the president is the latest case in point. It is really admirable in every respect. Its sentiment is not the commonplace which floats in the air after a great event and is absorbed in the expression of everyday life, but is the result of a deep, well contained and thoroughly disciplined mind given to the higher forms of thinking. The style of composition, too, is no less admirable. Clear, crisp and clean cut, with none of the faults of verbiage, every sentence expresses in the best words of our vigorous language the thought its writer intended. It is a style utterly devoid of metaphor or figure of speech, with nothing of imagination, none of that warm glowing of fervor which disfigures the efforts of all but the very smallest number of political orators. Mr. Wilson has evidently drank long and deep at the well of pure English undefiled. He has studied the masters of language. If he has not read with care the great Scotch theologians and philosophers then his style carries with it those surprises, and has that natural force which is always a marvel in the vigorous but untrained thinker. From whatever source they have come this power of expression has come. Mr. Wilson has it in a degree surpassed by no man in Iowa or scarcely in the country. Then, think of the number of addresses and the variety of subjects they have treated in the last three months. Not all of them can secure that acceptance of their ideas which distinguishes this Logan speech, but all have shown the same virility and strength and the same wonderful power of expression. An address on transportation questions, the boldest of many a year, a lecture on the Bible before a college society, this oration at Logan on the inner conditions of American public life, besides others not now easily recalled, demonstrate the possession of a versatility seldom seen in public men. We have no personal acquaintance with Mr. Wilson or sympathy with his ambitions, but his great ability cannot with propriety be questioned. In this respect no man that Iowa in all its thirty-six years of history has sent to the senate has had anything like his power."

Perhaps after all the best estimate of his character is to be found in opinions of those among whom he lived, who had a chance to study him in every relation of life, to note his greatness and also to see his weaknesses, if there were such, in his character. Therefore, the life history of James F. Wilson cannot be more fittingly ended than by quoting from the Fairfield Ledger of April 26, 1895, which pays tribute to his memory in these words: "Fairfield is in deepest mourning. Her most eminent and most highly honored citizen is gone. The earthly career of James F. Wilson, student, legislator, constitutional lawyer and statesman is closed. He has crossed to the great beyond just at the end of a long and useful public life, and his last moments were passed just as he might have wished them—amid the surroundings he loved so well, in the peace and quiet of his own

home, surrounded by those who loved him and whom he loved. As no resident of Fairfield, in her history of half a century, had risen to the heights which James F. Wilson attained, so no man so generally commanded the respect, the admiration, the love of her people. Strong as his convictions were, partisan as he may have been in his political beliefs, there was a rugged honesty about the man, a candor in his treatment of public questions, a freedom from guile in his methods which early won and ever retained to him the confidence of his fellow citizens and led them to seek opportunities to do him honor. An impartial history of state and nation will show that James F. Wilson was a great man. It will give him a high rank with the legislators, the lawyers, the statesmen of his time. It will show the impress of his wisdom on the affairs of his commonwealth and his country. It will concede the keenness of foresight, shrewdness of judgment, the honesty of the motives which governed the man, the ability and capability with which he dealt with great questions through a long and eventful public career. It will show that the people of Jefferson county did not err when they sent the young lawyer to represent them at the state capital; that the first district of Iowa passed righteous judgment upon the abilities of the man when it promoted him to the halls of congress; that the management of affairs of great moment, as entrusted to him, could not have gone to a small man nor one of mediocre ability; that the friendship of a Sumner, and a Blaine, that the trust and confidence of a Grant, were not misplaced."

CHARLES MONROE JUNKIN.

Charles Monroe Junkin, trained for newspaper work under the able leadership of his father, William Wallace Junkin, one of the veteran newspaper men of Iowa, is not only engaged in the publication of the Fairfield Ledger but is also associated with his brothers in the ownership and publication of five different papers in this state. This business has been developed along substantial and progressive lines not only in relation to news gathering but also in regard to the organization and actual mechanical work of bringing the papers from the press. The name of Junkin is indeed well known to the newspaper world and has become a synonym for a high standard of service and efficiency in this field.

He whose name introduces this review was born in Fairfield, May 18, 1855, his parents being William W. and Elizabeth (Patrick) Junkin, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. At the usual age he became a pupil in the public schools and subsequently continued his educa-

tion in the Iowa College at Grinnell, and the Denmark Academy of Denmark, Lee county, which was the first high school established in the state. Perhaps both early environment and natural predilection had something to do with his choice of a life work. At all events his boyhood interest in the printing business was followed by actual service in the office of the Fairfield Ledger, where he learned the trade under direction of his father. Subsequently he went to Washington, D. C., where he was employed in the government printing office, thus adding to the knowledge which he had already acquired concerning the printing business. Moreover he spent two years as a journeyman printer, working in different offices throughout the country from New York to Salt Lake City and from St. Paul to St. Louis. On the 26th of May, 1878, he was admitted to partnership with his father in the ownership of the Fairfield Ledger and the relationship has since been maintained. Today he is in partnership with his brothers, C. M., W. D. and P. S. Junkin, in the ownership of five newspapers and at one time they were the owners of ten well known journals in this state. Their interests include the Fairfield Ledger, the Albia Republican, the Chariton Herald-Patriot, the Creston Advertiser-Gazette, a daily paper, and the Bedford Times Republican. Their business exemplifies all that is most progressive in newspaper publication, both in the matter of news collection and in the work of bringing the material to the public. Every legitimate method has been used to improve their papers and the large subscription list which has been accorded the company makes their papers an excellent advertising medium.

Charles M. Junkin, however, has never restricted his labors to the field of newspaper publication. He is a man of resourceful business ability and has become a potent factor in the successful management of various business concerns. He has been and is identified with manufacturing enterprises, with banking interests and commercial pursuits and is a director of the Iowa Malleable Iron Company, has connections with the Hawkeye Pump Company and other manufacturing interests.

On the 8th of September, 1880, Mr. Junkin was united in marriage to Miss Grace Slagle, a daughter of C. W. Slagle, and a native of Fairfield, in which city the marriage was celebrated. In 1897 Mr. Junkin was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, and he later married Miss Mary Wilson Blair in 1901. Mr. Junkin is a member of the Jefferson and Commercial Clubs, of both of which he has served as president. In his political views he has always been a stalwart republican and has done effective work in the interests of the party, stanchly advocating its principles since attaining his majority. In 1884 and 1896 he was a delegate to the republican national conventions and was a delegate-at-large in 1900. He has served for three years as a member of the republican state central committee and during one

year of that time was its secretary. For three years he was secretary of the Iowa Press Association and for a similar period was secretary of the Republican League of Iowa. During the campaign of 1888 he assisted in organizing eight hundred political clubs in this state and in other ways added in the work of the party. He filled the office of postmaster of Fairfield for six years, during which period the free delivery and rural free delivery systems were installed, resigning his office during the presidency of McKinley. It is a well known fact that in matters of citizenship he stands with all those who are progressive and aggressive in support of public projects and improvements and his influence has been a far-reaching element for good along many lines which have had direct bearing upon the welfare of the state.

S. K. DAVIS, M. D.

Few residents of Libertyville are better known than Dr. S. K. Davis, whose activities extend beyond his professional interests and connect him with the financial and agricultural life of the community as well. A native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, he was born on the 30th of September, 1863; a son of Elliott and Mary (Linn) Davis, who were also natives of Westmoreland county. In the spring of 1866, his parents came to Jefferson county, Iowa, locating in Buchanan township. There the father followed general farming and also indulged in his hobby of fruit-raising, his father before him having been a nurseryman. He passed away in Buchanan township at the age of fifty-seven years; his wife's death occurred twenty years later, at the home of her daughter in Center township. In their family were ten children, as follows: W. C., who passed away at the age of forty years; Edgar, who died in infancy; Ed H., of Fairfield; a daughter whose death occurred in infancy; Ella, the wife of W. H. Bates, of Center township; H. D., residing in Libertyville; Dr. S. K. Davis, of this review; Elizabeth, who married J. T. Rodgers, of Center township; Albert, who passed away in infancy; and Margaret, who wedded John W. Reeblor, of Fairfield.

Dr. S. K. Davis was a little lad of three years when the family home was established in Buchanan township; and there he made his home between the years 1866 and 1888. In the meantime, he attended the public schools in the acquirement of his early education, and, later, pursued a course of study at Parsons College of Fairfield. Deciding to become a member of the medical fraternity, he took up the study of medicine in Fairfield and Iowa City, and, subsequently, graduated from the College of

Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa, in 1888. From the first he has been most successful, impressing all with whom he has come in contact with his trustworthy character, his earnestness, zeal and scrupulous regard for the ethics of his profession. He has other interests, as well. He owns valuable farming property, and is vice president of the Libertyville Savings Bank, having been connected with the bank since the organization of that institution. His interest centers, however, in his profession, nothing being permitted to interfere with the conscientious performance of his duties in that direction; and he is constantly broadening his knowledge and ability through individual research and through his connection with the county, district, state and national medical societies.

Dr. Davis was married, in 1890, to Miss Nellie Hewitt, who was born in Jefferson county in 1867: a daughter of G. W. and Rocena Hewitt. They have two children, Austin C. and Wyndon H. Dr. Davis gives his political allegiance to the republican party, belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and holds membership with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America, relations which serve as a balance to a busy professional life and which tend to make his a well rounded nature. He is held in high regard among his fellowmen, not only for his professional skill and excellent business qualities but also for the manly principles which have ever governed his career. Dr. Davis possesses a kindly, genial, hopeful nature which makes him the loved and trusted family physician in many households.

DANIEL B. GRABER.

Daniel B. Graber is another of Jefferson county's native sons who is meeting with excellent success in the operation of his farm in Round Prairie township. He was born in Lockridge township on the 4th of February, 1869, and is a son of Christian and Fanny (Wyse) Graber, natives of France, for further mention of whom refer to the sketch of John Graber.

Reared on the farm where he was born in the acquirement of an education Daniel B. Graber attended the district schools in the vicinity of his home. His mother passed away when he was a lad of ten years, and five years later he laid aside his text-books and leaving the parental roof began for himself. From that period until he was twenty years of age he worked as a farm hand, and owing to the thrifty and diligent habits, instilled into him from earliest childhood acquired sufficient capital to begin farming for himself. His father had left him a tract of forty acres of unimproved land and upon this he erected the necessary buildings for his comfort, then

turned his attention to the cultivation of his farm in connection with which he operated some rented land. He was subsequently able to purchase three acres across the road from his place together with a comfortable residence and soon thereafter added to this an adjoining thirty-seven acres, making the aggregate of his holdings eighty acres. Mr. Graber's land is well improved and in a high state of cultivation, yielding abundant harvests in return for his well directed efforts and constant application. His fields are devoted to general farming in addition to which Mr. Graber makes a specialty of stock-raising, keeping a herd of cows and eight horses while he annually raises about fifty hogs.

In March, 1892, Mr. Graber was united in marriage to Miss Jennie H. Maxwell, a daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Logsdon) Maxwell, the father a native of Indiana and the mother of Ohio. Isaac Maxwell in his childhood removed to Iowa with his parents, who located on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Buchanan township, Jefferson county, during the pioneer days, their farm being located northwest of Beckwith. When old enough he started on an independent career and on the 15th of November, 1866, married Miss Sarah E. Logsdon, only daughter of William and Hannah (Rizor) Logsdon and operated his father-in-law's farm of one hundred and sixty acres, in addition to which he purchased an adjoining forty acres of his own in Round Prairie township. They were the parents of three children, namely: John W., who with his family now lives on the old home place; Jennie H., the wife of Daniel B. Graber; and Etta M., the wife of William Horton. All reside near the old homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Maxwell were attendants at the Free Methodist church, of which she is a member. In their declining days Mrs. Maxwell proved a great help and comfort to her parents and it can be said truthfully that there were few in the township more highly esteemed and respected than Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell.

William Logsdon, the grandfather was born in Homes county, Ohio, February 26, 1823. In 1845 he married Miss Hannah Rizor and they moved in the pioneer days of 1853 with teams from Ohio to Iowa, where they bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, three miles southwest of Lockridge in Round Prairie township. Gradually, he transformed the timber farm by the hardest kind of work into arable land at the same time buying in stock for different shippers and adding to his income in various ways. To-day it is one of the valuable farm properties in Jefferson county. William Logsdon lived on this farm to the patriarchal age of eighty-eight years, four months and three days, his death occurring on June 29, 1911, while his wife had passed away September 23, 1896. By this marriage three children were born, two boys who died in infancy and a daughter, Sarah E., who married Isaac Maxwell. In 1871, Mr. and Mrs. William

Logsdon and fifty others formed the Free Methodist Society at Coalport, and of that congregation only one member was surviving on Mr. Logsdon's death. He was a kind-hearted man always looking at the bright side of life, trusting in his Saviour and believing in humanity and well would the word apply "I have fought a good fight—I have finished my work—I have kept the faith."

Isaac Maxwell operated his father-in-law's farm and his forty acres in Round Prairie township, continuing to be identified with agricultural pursuits until his death on the 19th of November, 1904. He was fifty-eight years of age at the time of his demise, his birth having occurred in February 9, 1846, while the mother, who now makes her home with Mrs. Graber, is sixty-three years. Of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Graber there have been born three children: Zelta May, who was born on the 16th of April, 1894, and who died on the 23d of May, 1908; Bernard S., who was born March 13, 1899; and Elda E., whose birth occurred on the 2d of November, 1903.

The family affiliate with the Protestant churches, and his political indorsement Mr. Graber gives to the republican party, but he does not take an active part in township campaigns, though he has served as a member of the board of school directors in his district for some time and has given good satisfaction in the capacity. Mr. Graber is held in high regard in his community, ever having been found to be trustworthy and reliable while his integrity is above question.

EDGAR R. ROBINSON.

Edgar R. Robinson, who for the past six years has been engaged in the real-estate and insurance business in Batavia, was born on a farm in Cannan township, Henry county, Iowa, six miles northeast of Mount Pleasant, on March 8, 1877. He is the youngest child born of the marriage of John Q. and Anna (Mount) Robinson, the father a native of Chillicothe, Missouri, but of Scotch extraction. Mr. Robinson came to Iowa in the early '60s, locating on a farm in Henry county, in the cultivation of which he engaged for forty years. At the expiration of that period he retired from active work to Mount Pleasant, where he lived for four years, whence he removed to Ottumwa and there he and his wife continue to reside. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, those beside our subject being, May, who is living with her parents and Charles W., a farmer of Onawa, Iowa, who married Miss Mary Hobart of Mount Pleasant and has two children Ralph and May.

The first twenty years of his life Edgar R. Robinson spent beneath the parental roof. After graduating from the Mount Pleasant high school in 1896 he entered the Wesleyan University of that place, taking one year's collegiate work and a commercial course. He subsequently went to Texas where for one year he was engaged in the fruit business. Returning to Iowa at the end of that period he married and removed to a farm in Henry county, near New London. After cultivating his land for a year he went to Van Buren county, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres. He cultivated this farm until 1905 when he rented his place and came to Batavia to open a real-estate and fire insurance office. Progressive and enterprising Mr. Robinson has been successful in his business and now owns a highly improved farm in Locust Grove township near Batavia, this county.

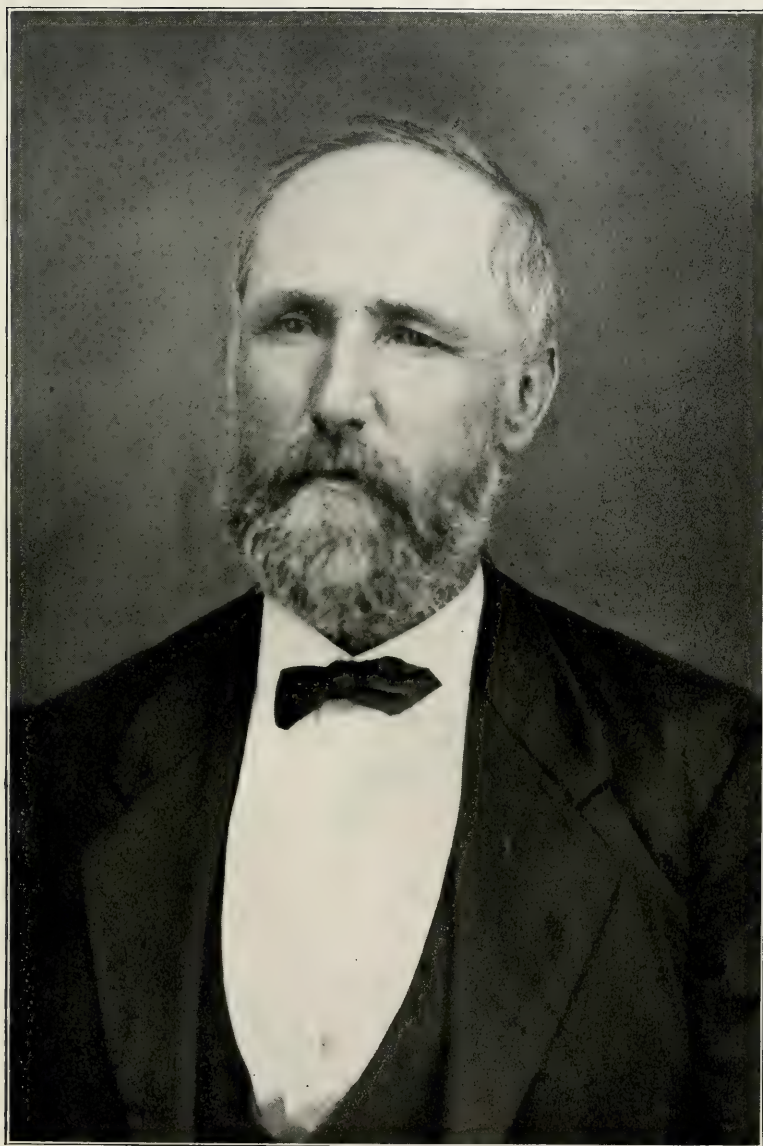
On the 17th of January, 1900, Mr. Robinson was married to Miss Margaret Robertson, a daughter of John S. and Elizabeth (Gilbert) Robertson. The father at that time was engaged in the real-estate business in Mount Pleasant, but he has since removed to La Grange, Illinois, where he and his wife are now residing. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson: Mildred, who died at the age of fourteen months; and Carroll, who was born on the 18th of April, 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is connected with the Masonic order being a member of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 198, A. F. & A. M., and the Odd Fellows, belonging to Ohio Lodge, No. 120, I. O. O. F., both of Batavia. He also holds membership in the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Ottumwa Lodge, No. 347, and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen, being identified with the organizations of Ottumwa. Mr. Robinson votes the republican ticket, but, although he is interested in all matters pertaining to the municipal welfare, has never been a candidate for political honors. He is one of the capable young business men of the town, whose future, as gauged by his past, gives every assurance of being most promising.

MILTON D. BALDRIDGE, M. D.

One of the highly esteemed pioneer residents of Batavia was the late Dr. Milton D. Baldrige, who for fifty years was identified with the medical fraternity of Jefferson county. He was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, on July 11, 1826, being a son of Dr. John Baldrige.

Early having decided to adopt the medical profession for his life vocation, while yet a lad Milton D. Baldrige began studying with his father.



DR. MILTON D. BALDRIDGE

After the completion of his preliminary education he entered the Cincinnati Medical College, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in the winter of 1848-9. He immediately engaged in practicing, in addition to which in 1856 he was also identified with the mercantile business. The following year, however, he came to Jefferson county, settling in Batavia, where he devoted his entire attention to professional practice until his death on the 1st of June, 1907.

Dr. Baldrige was twice married, his first union having been with Miss Isabella A. Alexander in 1851. Mrs. Baldrige was born in Lebanon, Ohio, in 1826, and died in Jefferson county, Iowa. On the 22d of September, 1877, Dr. Baldrige was again married to Miss Nancy Hite, a native of this county, her birth having occurred in the vicinity of Brookville in 1847. Mrs. Baldrige is a daughter of Henry and Mary (Mobley) Hite, the father a native of Richmond and the mother of Washington county, Virginia. They came to Iowa in 1845, locating on a farm near Brookville, where the mother passed away in 1902, the father, however, survived until 1905. Dr. Baldrige and his second wife were the parents of two sons. John Henry, who is the elder, is a well known physician and surgeon of Batavia. He obtained his preliminary education in the common and high schools of Batavia, after which he took a commercial course in the Business College at Quincy, Illinois. His professional studies were pursued in the Medical College at Keokuk, this state, where he was awarded the degree of M. D. with the class of 1906. Returning home he entered in practice with his father with whom he continued to be identified until the latter's death. He has been very successful, being well adapted to the profession he is following, and has a most lucrative practice. He married Miss May Reno, a daughter of Willis and Mary Reno, also residents of Batavia, the father being a well known retired farmer of Wapello county, who recently located here. Two children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Baldrige, Helen and Willis. Milton Baldrige, who was named for his father, is living on the old family homestead with his mother. He acquired his education in the school for the deaf, at Council Bluffs, Iowa, of which he is a graduate. His energies have always been devoted to agricultural pursuits and he is now operating his mother's farm of forty acres, located near the village of Batavia. He married Miss Emma Dorn, of Waterloo, Iowa, and they have one child, Waldo.

The late Dr. Baldrige was an earnest member of the Masonic fraternity, in which organization he had attained high rank. He was a member of Batavia Lodge, No. 198, A. F. & A. M., and he was also a Knight Templar, being identified with an Ottumwa lodge, and belonged to the Shrine of Davenport. His political support he gave to the republican party and always took an active interest in the workings of the party. He was

highly esteemed in Batavia professionally and privately, having, during the half century of his residence here, demonstrated his high principles and worth in all of his relations of life.

PETER H. ROTH.

Peter H. Roth, occupying a pleasant home at No. 107 West Adams street in Fairfield, has here resided since his removal from Packwood. Previous to the time when he took up his abode in the latter place he had been closely and actively associated with farming interests for many years and won a measure of success that now entitles him to live retired and yet with sufficient to supply him with all of the necessities and some of the luxuries of life. He was born in Wayne county, Ohio, April 17, 1842, a son of Joseph and Mary (Klophefenstein) Roth. The father was a native of Alsace, France (now Germany), and was of French descent. He followed the occupation of farming and in early life became a cheese maker. After crossing the Atlantic to the new world he devoted his attention exclusively to general agricultural pursuits. It was in 1840 that he sailed for America and until after his marriage he was a resident of Wayne county, Ohio, removing westward to Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1842. He then established his home in Cedar township, preempting one hundred and sixty acres of government land upon which not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made. The soil, naturally rich and productive, responded readily to the care and labor which he bestowed upon it and the fields brought forth golden harvests that enabled him in time to add to his holdings until he was the owner of one thousand acres of fine land in Fairfield and Cedar townships. In fact he became one of the largest property holders in that part of the county. There he was busily employed in the task of developing and improving his land throughout his remaining days and upon the old homestead he reared his family and there passed away in 1896, having for twelve years survived his wife. They were the parents of thirteen children of whom eight are now living, namely: Peter H., of this review; Mrs. Rebecca Messer, living in Richwood, Iowa; John, a farmer of Cedar township; Mrs. Mary Kyle, of Fairfield; Jacob, whose home is in Birmingham, Van Buren county; Mrs. Annie Lampson, living in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Edward, whose home is in Holden, Nebraska; and Ben F., a resident of South Omaha, Nebraska.

Peter Roth has spent the greater part of his life in Jefferson county and the schools of Fairfield township afforded him his educational privileges. Farm work to some extent interfered with his studies for his as-

sistance was needed in the fields and he aided in the work of plowing, planting and harvesting and also operated a threshing machine each season until he reached the age of twenty-eight years. He then began farming on his own account on a tract of land in Black Hawk township belonging to his father, and when his labor had enabled him to save a considerable sum from his earnings he purchased this place of two hundred acres and made his home thereon for twenty-eight years, or until ill health forced retirement, when he rented the place and removed to Packwood where he spent nine years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode in Fairfield and is now pleasantly situated in a comfortable home at No. 107 West Adams street. He still owns the old homestead farm of two hundred acres in Black Hawk township and its rental supplies him with a substantial income.

On the 26th of January, 1870, Mr. Roth won as a companion and helpmate for the journey of life Miss Mary Weitzel, their marriage being celebrated on that day. Her parents were George and Amelia (Brady) Weitzel. Her father was born in Alsace (then France), Germany, and was of German lineage. By trade he was a cabinet maker and followed that pursuit in his native country until 1840, when he came to America, settling in Ohio. Later he removed to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he resided until 1866, when he came to Jefferson county, Iowa, and bought a farm north of Fairfield in Black Hawk township. He thereon made his home for ten years, at the end of which time he removed to Muscatine, Iowa, and died there in 1893. His wife died upon the old homestead farm in Black Hawk township forty years ago. She, too, was born in Germany and they were married in that country before sailing for the new world. In their family were five children: Mrs. Minnie Schaffer, of Fairfield; Mrs. Roth; Mrs. Elizabeth Bosworth, whose home is in Clay, Iowa; Fred, a resident of Tekamah, Nebraska; and Mrs. Emma Christensen, of Omaha, Nebraska. Unto the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Roth have been born two daughters. Cora, the elder, is the wife of Dr. J. O. Laird, a practicing dentist of Malvern, Iowa, and they have one child, Donald Roth, five years of age. Lulu E. is the wife of O. F. Fryer, a banker of Fairfield, Iowa, and they have one child, Maurice Laird, thirteen years of age, who attends school in Fairfield and spends much of his time with his grandparents.

In his political views Mr. Roth is an earnest republican, supporting the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has filled a number of public positions, the duties of which he has discharged with promptness and fidelity. For several years he was a trustee of Black Hawk township and for eighteen years was treasurer of the school funds of that township. He also served as assessor in Black Hawk township for two years and for a similar period in Polk township. Both he and his wife

are consistent and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Fairfield, being always loyal to their professions. While living in Black Hawk township Mr. Roth became a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Richland, Iowa. His wife is a member of the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of the Fairfield Methodist church and both are held in the highest esteem because of their loyal support of and interest in all those measures which tend to uplift the individual and promote civilization. In every relation of life Mr. Roth has been found reliable, trustworthy and honorable, and therefore he has been accorded high respect and esteem by those who know him. He has lived in the county from early boyhood days and is familiar with its history throughout almost the entire period of its development, his memory forming a connecting link between the primitive past, with all of its hardships and trials, and the progressive present with its opportunities, its advantages and its prosperity.

ROBERT DAVIDSON.

Robert Davidson is one of those men whose ambition and inherent ability enabled him to rise above his environment, and despite the lack of those advantages usually deemed essential to success in any vocation in life, rose above and dominated conditions as he found them, creating for himself a position that has won the respect of the entire community of which he has been a member for over forty years.

Yorkshire, England, was the scene of his birth, which occurred on the 9th of March, 1840. There his parents, John and Hannah (Lee) Davidson, spent their entire lives the father having been a day laborer. Their family numbered eleven, of whom our subject is the only son now living and the only member of the family to have become an American citizen. A small income that had to supply the wants of a large household precluded the possibility of Robert Davidson acquiring an education. His wage-earning career began when he was little more than a child and as a lad he worked for seven years in a brick and tile yard in Yorkshire. He was not of the type to calmly accept conditions as he found them, but constantly chafed at the limitations of his opportunities, feeling convinced that he possessed the qualities to lift himself into a better position under more favorable circumstances than that in which he was born. America seemed to hold forth such opportunities and having acquired the necessary passage money, at the age of nineteen years he sailed from Liverpool for New York city, coming from there directly to Jacksonville, Illinois. He obtained work as a farm hand, continued as such until the summer of 1861, when he of-

ferred his services to the nation. On the 2d of September, 1861, he enlisted at Jacksonville as a private in Company K, Twenty-Seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, joining his regiment at Cairo, Illinois. During the three years he spent at the front he took part in the following engagements: Belmont, Union City, Lavergne, Stone River, Chickamauga, Rocky Face, Resaca, Mud Creek, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, and the sieges of Island Number Ten, Corinth, Nashville, Atlanta and many minor encounters. During the Battle of Chickamauga under General Pope, Mr. Davidson was severely wounded in the right thigh and left on the field. For six months thereafter he was unable to leave the hospital, but upon his recovery rejoined his regiment on the march from Chattanooga to Atlanta. The tenacity of purpose and determination that distinguished him as a soldier has characterized his entire life. Upon receiving his discharge he returned to Jacksonville, resuming the duties of civil life as a farm hand. His industry and thrift ultimately enabled him to begin an independent career, and for five years he farmed as a renter in Illinois, whence he came to Iowa. He located in Wapello county, buying a farm that he operated for thirty-five years, acquiring during that period a competency, on which to retire. In 1905 he sold his farm and removed to Batavia, where he and his wife are now residing. He has withdrawn from all active work, save that now and then he assists his son Marion in the store, and is enjoying the ease and comfort so justly earned by his long years of toil.

Mr. Davidson celebrated Christmas, 1865, by his marriage to Miss Mary Louisa DeSollar, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. W. H. Jordan in the vicinity of Jacksonville, Illinois. Mrs. Davidson, who was born in Akron, Ohio, is the eldest of nine children born to Henry Brown and Christiana (Clemmons) DeSollar. The father was born in London, England, whence he emigrated as a lad of ten years to Bethel, Illinois, where he learned the wagon maker's trade. The mother was a native of Canada but in her early youth she removed to Ohio and there she met and was subsequently married to Mr. DeSollar. She passed away at Bethel sixty-four years ago, and he subsequently located at Beardstown, Illinois, where he followed his trade until his death in 1891. Nine children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Davidson: Frank, who is an architect in Chicago, married Mrs. Emily Hardy. Charles, a stenographer in the government service in Colorado, married Miss Emma May Sears of Nebraska, and they have one child, Edith Alberta. John is living in New York city, where he is employed by a large publishing house. George, a manufacturer of the acetylene light plants of Ottumwa, Iowa, married Jennie Kraemer of Locust Grove township, Jefferson county, and they have four children: Verna Maxwell; Letha Mildred, Edith Eleanor and Donavan Dail. Arthur, who is a bookkeeper in Chicago, married Fern Murray, of Oxford, Ohio, and

has one son, Murray. Henry Edwin, a farmer of southern Missouri, married Estelle Milligan of Des Moines, Iowa, and had four children: Edna May; Gerald Edwin; and Robert Willard and Raymond William, twins. The last three are deceased. Thomas William, a photographer of Chicago, married Mabel Almeda Mussenden, of that city. Leroy, the manager of the United States Express Company at Freeport, Illinois, married Mabel Marie Holmes of that city and has one child, Gordon Leroy. Marion Albert, a furniture dealer and undertaker of Batavia, married Nellie Ray Shaw of Ottumwa and has one daughter, Mary Marguerite.

The family always attended the services of the Methodist Episcopal church of which Mr. and Mrs. Davidson are devoted members. He is a republican in his political views and while a resident of Wapello county served for many years as a member of the district school board. Despite his lack of educational advantages, Mr. Davidson has always been a close observer and thinker, his undertakings ever having been distinguished by intelligent judgment and practical ideas.

WILLIAM P. CAMPBELL.

William P. Campbell, who has made his home in the village of Brookville for more than three decades, has lived retired since 1901, but for a number of years was actively engaged in business as the proprietor of a sawmill. His birth occurred in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, on the 27th of February, 1842, his parents being Thomas C. and Susan (Evans) Campbell, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state. The father came of Scotch ancestry; the mother was of German lineage. They came to Iowa in 1857, locating in Fairfield, Jefferson county, where Mr. Campbell worked at the cabinet-maker's trade for several years. Subsequently, he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, purchasing a farm near Perlee, eight miles east of Brookville. After the death of his wife, he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Brighton, Washington county, Iowa, where he spent the remainder of his life in honorable retirement.

William P. Campbell remained under the parental roof until sixteen years of age, attending the district schools in the acquirement of an education. He first worked as a farm hand by the month, but, later, purchased an interest in a sawmill, operating the same prior to his marriage. Locating in Brookville, he there conducted a sawmill until 1901, when he retired from active business life. He sold his farm of forty-eight acres, in Black Hawk township, and purchased his present homestead of six acres in the village of

Brookville, Locust Grove township. At the time of the Civil war, he enlisted in the Union army as a member of Company B, Nineteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, serving with distinction for twenty-three months. He participated in several important engagements, and was discharged because of impaired eyesight. Today, he is almost totally blind.

On the 27th of February, 1876, Mr. Campbell was united in marriage to Miss Anna Troette, a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Elizabeth (Filson) Troette; the former a native of France and the latter of Ohio. They were married in Pennsylvania and came west in 1855, when their daughter Anna was a child, locating in Birmingham, Van Buren county, Iowa, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Benjamin Troette, who was a brick mason by trade, passed away thirty-two years ago. He had long survived his wife, whose demise occurred fifty-three years ago. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have been born eight children. Walter, an agriculturist of Crawford county, Iowa, wedded Miss Lettie Gunn of that county, by whom he has four children: Geraldine, Anna, Willie and Crawford. Jessie, who gave her hand in marriage to Enos Lewman, a farmer of Jefferson county, passed away on the 18th of July, 1910. Clarence E. devotes his attention to general agricultural pursuits in Crawford county, Iowa. Myrtle is the wife of James W. Grimes, a farmer living west of Libertyville, by whom she had three children: Cecil; Clive; and Intha, who is deceased. William passed away when a youth of eighteen. George, a well known land agent of Packwood, Iowa, handles western and northwestern farm lands and local real estate. Charles and Fred are both at home with their parents.

In politics, Mr. Campbell is a staunch republican, loyally supporting the party which was the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war. He was a member of Abingdon post of the Grand Army of the Republic, until it was disbanded. His wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church of Brookville, Iowa. Mr. Campbell has many friends in Jefferson county, among whom he is most highly esteemed and respected.

ELLIOTT P. TAYLOR.

The life record of Elliott P. Taylor is an interesting and varied one, telling the story of a man who is versatile in his achievements, faithful in the pursuit of his calling and prudent in the choices which he has made. His most conspicuous efforts have been devoted to his country in the days of war by his loyal service in the army, in the days of peace by the faithful performance of his duties as postmaster of Glasgow during an unbroken period of eighteen years. He was born in Aurora, Illinois, in December,

1845, his parents being Dr. Samuel W. and Jane (Tanner) Taylor, who came of Irish ancestry, the father being a native of Ohio and the mother of Illinois. Dr. Taylor obtained his education at Hughes Medical College of Keokuk, Iowa, and upon receiving his degree entered upon the practice of his profession in Illinois and Keokuk, Iowa. In 1853 he became a resident of Jefferson county, locating at Glasgow, where he established a flourishing practice, and continued his ministrations of the sick for the rest of his life. During the war he gave his services to the soldiers of the Union army and was made a commissioned officer, serving as a surgeon in the Fourth Iowa Cavalry until 1864. His death occurred July 5, 1899, almost half a century after the demise of his wife, who departed this life in 1850.

Elliott P. Taylor was given excellent home training and attended school both in Keokuk and in Jefferson county. When only sixteen years of age he was fired with enthusiasm by the thrilling rumors of war which reached their little town in Iowa and thereupon enlisted in Company M, Fourth Iowa Cavalry. They saw active service, Mr. Taylor being mustered out at the close of the siege of Vicksburg. He reenlisted immediately and continued his service during the remainder of the war. He returned to Glasgow and here for a short time engaged in agriculture, renting a farm for this purpose until he bought a tract of forty acres in Henry county, Iowa. He discontinued agricultural labors upon being appointed to the position of postmaster of Glasgow and for the remarkable period of eighteen years attended to the duties of this office with conscientious diligence and efficiency. During this time and dating back to his association with farming interests he was also engaged in buying and selling stock, carrying on a business from which no inconsiderable profit accrued. Upon retiring from the office of postmaster he removed with his family to Fairfield, Iowa, and there assumed the management of the Gantz Hotel, which he conducted for one year. Pleased with his results in the hotel business, he returned to Glasgow and there opened up a hotel, which he has managed on his own account ever since. It is a most attractive place, cheerful and pleasant in the interior and surrounded by a neat and well cared for lawn. He also owns a valuable residence property here. Mr. Taylor possesses business talent and executive ability and in the efficient conduct of his hotel gives evidence of his ability to manage.

On November 6, 1867, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Clara E. Strong, a daughter of John and Julia (Carpenter) Strong, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of New York. Mrs. Taylor was born August 19, 1849, in Jefferson county, Iowa, the family having come here to live in 1844. The father had followed agricultural pursuits in Ohio and on coming here entered one hundred and sixty acres of land in Henry county. This farm he cultivated for a number of years, selling it at length in order

to remove to Fairfield, Iowa, where he worked at the cooper's trade for a number of years. He then moved to Knox county, Illinois, and there again pursued agricultural labors. In 1857 he returned to Glasgow and here worked at the cooper's trade until his death October 30, 1866, at the age of fifty-seven years. His wife survived him more than four decades, passing away September 5, 1908, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Taylor were the parents of six children: Jennie, the wife of James Grant, a farmer of Cedar township; Julia, the wife of Professor C. D. McLain, of Iowa Wesleyan College at Mount Pleasant; Bernice, the wife of Ralph A. Billingsly, a resident of Glasgow; Clifford, managing a general store in Glasgow under the firm name of Helfenstien & Taylor; Maude, who died in infancy; and Jesse, who died September 15, 1889, at the age of fourteen years.

The Taylor family holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and politically Mr. Taylor gives his support to the republicans. He is an Odd Fellow, being a member of Lodge No. 45 of Glasgow. In memory of army days he maintains pleasant relations with old-time comrades in the A. R. Pierce Post, G. A. R., of Glasgow. He is not the only member of his family, however, who has won honor on the battlefield, his wife's brother George Strong having met with like distinction. In memory of his service and the fact that he was the first volunteer of his company and the first one to die his comrades have honored his name by incorporating it in the name of one of the posts of their order, the George Strong Post, G. A. R., of Fairfield. In the enjoyment of a fair competence, which puts him beyond the reach of the uncertainties and cares met with in the struggle for a livelihood, Mr. Taylor lives quietly and in comfort, in the enjoyment of good health and a buoyant spirit.

BENJAMIN HANSON.

That success which follows close application and an intelligent direction of labor came to Benjamin Hanson, who for a number of years was engaged in fruit-raising near Lockridge, Jefferson county. He made a close study of horticulture and the best methods of cultivating and developing fruit, learning many practical lessons in the school of experience and steadily continuing along the path of progress. England numbered him among her native sons, his birth having there occurred on the 3d of June, 1831. His parents, Thomas and Mary Hanson, were also natives of that country, where the father learned and followed the weaver's trade, always

utilizing his knowledge of that business in order to support his family. Both he and his wife spent their entire lives in their native country.

Benjamin Hanson was reared in England and his early experiences impressed upon his mind the value of industry, determination and perseverance. He was twenty-five years of age when he determined to try his fortune in the new world, for he had heard favorable reports concerning business opportunities on this side of the Atlantic. He therefore saved his earnings until his capital was sufficient to enable him to make the venture and after his arrival in the United States he was employed on a carding machine in a woolen factory in this county. He worked in that way for twelve years until his industry and careful expenditure had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to engage in business on his own account. He purchased eleven acres of land near the town of Lockridge and turned his attention to the raising of fruit, devoting the remainder of his life to that business. He closely studied the question of the best methods of caring for the trees and thus enhanced their productiveness. He was an earnest and untiring worker and did everything in his power to attain success that he might provide a comfortable living for his family.

On the 16th of May, 1868, Mr. Hanson was united in marriage to Miss Lilly Hopkirk, a daughter of William and Jane (Redpath) Hopkirk, both of whom were natives of Scotland who about 1834 came to the United States, settling in New York, where for several years the father worked at the dyer's trade, which he had previously learned in his native country. He subsequently went to Ohio but after a short residence in that state came to Jefferson county, Iowa, and in 1842 entered land here when Iowa was still under territorial government. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon the land when it came into his possession but he at once took up the arduous task of breaking the sod and improving the fields. His first home was a log house and his barn was also built of logs. The farm is located in what is now Lockridge township and to its further cultivation and improvement he devoted the remainder of his life, becoming recognized as a leading agriculturist of the community, whose methods were at once practical and progressive. He also figured prominently in public affairs and was a recognized leader in the ranks of the republican party, which elected him to represent his district in the fifteenth general assembly. That he proved a worthy member of the state legislature is indicated by the fact that he was returned to the sixteenth general assembly and at different times he filled many township and county offices, discharging his duties with a promptness and fidelity that won him the high commendation of all concerned. In an early day he served as justice of the peace and held court in his own home. He lived to see many notable changes in the county and was an active participant in the work which led

to its substantial development and improvement. He died in 1892 at the age of eighty-one years, his birth having occurred in 1811. His wife, who was born in 1813, passed away in 1869, at the age of fifty-six years. In their family were eleven children, of whom four are deceased. Three of the number still reside in Fairfield, one in Sheldon, Iowa, one in Lockridge township, one in California, and another in the state of Washington. Of these, their daughter, Mrs. Hanson, is now living in Fairfield. By her marriage she became the mother of one child, Mary J., who is now the wife of George W. Unkrich, a merchant of Fairfield, with whom Mrs. Hanson now resides, their home being at No. 401 West Washington street.

In his political views Mr. Hanson was a republican, supporting his party from the time that he became a naturalized American citizen. He always kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day but never sought nor held office. He and his wife held membership in the Baptist church at Lockridge and Mrs. Hanson now is a member in the Congregational church at Fairfield. Closing a life ever upright and honorable, always loyal to high and manly principles, Mr. Hanson died January 12, 1893, amid the deep regret of all who knew him, for he had come to be recognized as a worthy citizen, who well merited the respect of his fellowmen.

* WILLIAM WALLACE JUNKIN.

The name of William Wallace Junkin is deeply inscribed upon the pages of Iowa's history and honor and respect are accorded him whose work in the editorial field, in the government service and in every connection has been so directly beneficial to the state and of such permanent usefulness. Mr. Junkin became a resident of Iowa when it was still under territorial organization, arriving in the year 1843. He was then a lad of twelve years, his birth having occurred in Wheeling, West Virginia, January 26, 1831.* His parents were Joseph and Sarah (Rambo) Junkin, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, the former born October 20, 1788, and the latter on the 3d of June, 1790. They were married on the 20th of December, 1808, and became the parents of six sons and five daughters. David Finley, the eldest, who was born February 12, 1810, was married November 13, 1834, to Harriet Walker, and died September 8, 1844. Eleanor, born September 24, 1811, was the wife of James Gibson and died in 1848. Joseph, born May 2, 1813, passed away on the 14th of August of the following year. Joseph, the second of the name, born February 10, 1815, was married November 8, 1836, to Mary M. Cotton

and died recently at Red Oak, Iowa. Nancy Galloway was married May 3, 1836, to Robert S. Hunter and resides in New Castle, Pennsylvania. John George, born February 10, 1819, died October 19, 1837. Sarah Margaret, who was born June 16, 1821, became the wife of George W. Clutter, who served as a captain in the Mexican war and died July 16, 1857, after which his widow, on the 21st of September, 1865, became the wife of the Rev. Frederick A. Shearer and is now living in Colfax, Iowa. Mary B. F., born February 24, 1824, died June 18, 1833. Narcissa Doddridge, born April 2, 1826, was married March 1, 1849, to James Shriver Beck, of Fairfield, Iowa. Matthew Johnson, born May 16, 1829, died a few years ago in Fairfield. He had been married on the 15th of March, 1855, to Ellen E. Moorman who passed away in 1869. The other member of the family is William Wallace Junkin, of this review. The father died January 22, 1857, in Fairfield, where the mother also passed away on the 17th of April, 1865.

The family had become residents of Iowa in the spring of 1843, settling first in Lee county, whence they removed the following year to Louisa county. In 1845 they came to Jefferson county and two years afterward took up their abode in Fairfield. Before coming to this state, when a lad of about ten years, William W. Junkin had been employed in a printing office, working as typesetter on the Argus of Wheeling, West Virginia. After coming to Fairfield he secured a position in the office of the Iowa Sentinel which that year was established in this city by A. R. Sparks. In the summer of 1848 the owner of the paper sold out to Ezra Brown and R. B. Pope and thus Mr. Junkin was thrown out of employment, but through the influence of Mr. Sparks he secured a position under Colonel Barlow Granger, of Des Moines, whom he assisted in issuing the first number of the Star in June, 1848, this being the first paper printed in the capital city. After a residence of several months in Des Moines Mr. Junkin returned to Fairfield. During the winter of 1848-9, however, he was employed in the office of the Ottumwa Courier which was published by Street & Warden, and in November, 1849, was employed as a compositor on the Fairfield Ledger which had been established a short time before by Orlando McCraney. Mr. Junkin occupied his position on the Ledger until the spring of 1851, when he went to Richmond, Virginia, where he was employed for two years in the state printing office. He had become attached to the west, however, and on the 16th of May, 1853, returned to Fairfield where ten days later he purchased a half interest in the Ledger, then owned by A. R. Fulton, the purchase price being four hundred and sixty dollars. Thus for the first time he became part owner of a newspaper. The business connection was continued until August 14, 1854, when Mr. Junkin became sole proprietor. The paper has since been published by members of the

family although at different times Mr. Junkin was associated with different partners. On the 8th of August, 1868, he formed a partnership with Ralph Robinson, receiving twenty-five hundred dollars for a half interest in the office. This relationship was maintained until January 5, 1875, when Mr. Robinson retired and owing to the increase in circulation and the improvements made in the office he was able to secure forty-five hundred dollars for his share in the business. At that time Charles M. Junkin, the eldest son of William W. Junkin, became manager of the paper and brought with him to this new connection not only the experience he had acquired under the careful direction of his father but also the knowledge gained while in the government printing office in Washington, D. C. On the 26th of May, 1878, he was admitted to a partnership under the firm style of W. W. & C. M. Junkin. He is still one of the owners of the Fairfield Ledger and has raised it to a high standard of newspaper publication.

While private business interests have made large demand upon the time and energies of William Wallace Junkin he has yet found opportunity for cooperation in the public life of the community. On the 22d of April, 1889, he was appointed inspector of Indian agencies under the administration of Benjamin Harrison, being one of five employed in that department of public service. His political allegiance had been given to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and his efforts in its behalf were of a character which contributed largely to its local success. He stands for progress and improvement along all lines, was active in the construction of the new Methodist Episcopal church, has been a liberal contributor to the support of the public library and did much to encourage the building of railroads and thereby advance the interests of the state.

On the 14th of September, 1854, Mr. Junkin was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Patrick, a daughter of William and Amy (Morris) Patrick. Mrs. Junkin was born in Ross county, Ohio, and was brought to Fairfield county by her parents in 1847. She became, by her marriage, the mother of eight children, the eldest of whom, Charles Monroe, is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. May, born August 19, 1856, was married on the 16th of May, 1877, to Nathaniel McGiffin and resided for a time in Montana but is now deceased. Gertrude, born September 7, 1858, was married January 3, 1878, to W. W. McCracken, president of the Ravalli County Bank at Hamilton, Montana. Virginia, a twin sister of Gertrude, is the wife of J. B. Swinburne, a resident of Washington, D. C. Amy, born February 5, 1862, is the wife of the Rev. J. F. Hintshouse, now of Fairfield, Iowa. William David, born April 14, 1864, is now in partnership with his brothers in the ownership of five newspapers of Iowa. Paul

Sheridan, born August 12, 1867, is now publishing the Creston (Iowa) Advertiser-Gazette and is a member of the firm in which his brothers are his partners. Robert Tupper was born June 23, 1871, and died in 1905.

Such in brief is the life history of William Wallace Junkin, whose residence in this state, covering a period of sixty-eight years, well entitles him to mention in this volume, for he is one of the pioneers of Iowa and the active and helpful part which he has borne in matters of citizenship indicates his public-spirited devotion to the general good.

SAMUEL SALTS.

An honorable record of service in the war and faithful devotion to the advancement of agricultural interests in Jefferson county places Samuel Salts among the number whose names deserve worthy mention in the pages of this history. He was born in Warren county, Indiana, August 30, 1844, his parents being John and Jane (Stephenson) Salts. The family, which was originally named Salt, was established in this country by the great-grandfather, Thomas Salt, who came from Ireland to Virginia in 1776, where he became a planter, taking up land under a patent issued by Governor Hastings of Virginia. The grandfather, John Salts, came from Ohio to Indiana, in 1832, and there took up land for cultivation. The patent conferring the title upon him was issued by territorial Governor Harrison, and is an interesting document in reference to its bearing on family history, since it shows the name to have been changed from Salt to Salts some time in the period intervening between 1776 and 1832. These two patents are at present in the possession of F. M. Salts, who regards them as among the most valuable relics in his antiquarian collection. John Salts, the father of Samuel Salts, was born in Ohio of Scotch-Irish parentage. At the age of twelve years, he was taken by his parents to Warren county, Indiana, where he remained until his death. His wife, who still survives him and is at this writing in her eighty-fourth year, lives in Hedrick, Iowa.

Spending his boyhood days in his native locality in Indiana, Samuel Salts obtained his education in the Sunter school in his home district. When old enough to assist his father with plowing and reaping, he gave his attention to the cultivation of the fields, and chose this as the calling which he followed during his life. In April, 1864, at the age of twenty years, he entered the army, enlisting in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Volunteer Infantry, and served in the war until its close. During this time, he took part in a number of important skirmishes and

did considerable garrison duty. He received his honorable discharge at Indianapolis, Indiana, and returned home to resume farming. In the spring of 1868, he came to Iowa, locating on a farm in Locust Grove township. For four years after his arrival, our subject operated a sawmill, but discontinued this in order to devote his undivided attention to his agricultural interests. In 1874, he bought the farm on which he now lives; a tract of ninety acres of fertile land, yielding abundant crops. He met with much success, the reward of steadfast toil and unflagging effort, devoted to progress and improvement. He is no longer actively occupied with the management of the farm, his son John now performing this work for him. He continues to live on the place, however, overseeing the management and giving aid with wise counsel.

The marriage of Mr. Salts and Miss Rhoda Fisher, a daughter of a pioneer resident of Locust Grove township, occurred on September 21, 1871. Mrs. Salts' mother died when she was a child. Her father, George Fisher, who was of German descent, was born in Pennsylvania and as a young man came to Iowa in the early days before the land was opened to settlers; when Indian barbarities were rampant throughout this territory and the white man was outnumbered by his copper-colored brother in the proportion of five to one. He entered a claim in Des Moines township, Jefferson county. This tract he cleared and cultivated, remaining upon it until some time during the Civil war, when he sold it and removed to a new place which he purchased, in Locust Grove township, where he resided until his death. On July 30, 1898, Mrs. Salts departed this life. She was survived by her husband and two children: John, who is at home with his father and operates the home place; and Samuel Guy, who lives on a farm adjoining the father's and is married to Miss Martha J. Crawford, a daughter of William J. Crawford, a farmer of Locust Grove township.

In July, 1900, Mr. Salts was again married, the second union being with Mrs. Annie P. Hudgell of Fairfield, Iowa. She passed away on May 5, 1906, deeply mourned by her husband to whom she had been a faithful and devoted wife. Mr. Salts has two sisters and two brothers; four, besides himself, being all that remain of a family of twelve. They are: William Salts of Des Moines township; James O. Salts of Fairfield, Iowa; Lucinda, the wife of James Pelkenton of Fairfield, Iowa; and Rhoda, who lives with her mother in Hedrick, Iowa.

Politically, Mr. Salts is conservative, and staunchly upholds the principles adhered to by the "stand pat" republicans. He is still serving as assessor of Locust Grove township, having held this position for the past thirteen years. He has likewise occupied the office of trustee of the township for several terms, and was a director of the school board in the

Brookville independent school district. In his fraternal relations, he is a loyal Mason, being a member of Fairfield Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M.; to which his sons likewise belong. The latter, also, are members of the Odd Fellows lodge of Fairfield. Mr. Salts is a good father and a loyal friend, possessing the warm regard of all who know him. He was appointed on General Tuttle's staff with the rank of captain.

LEWIS ACHENBACH.

Lewis Achenbach, well-known as a prosperous representative of the agricultural interests of Jefferson county, was born on the farm which he now operates, May 23, 1865. His parents, Ludwig and Margaret (Theophil) Achenbach, were natives of Germany. His father, on his arrival in this country, in 1849, located in Ohio, but soon went farther west, choosing Jefferson county, Iowa, for his home. Here, he located near the town of Lockridge and secured employment with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, which was then constructing its road through this region. He continued at this work for several years, when he bought forty acres of land in Lockridge township and engaged in farming. From time to time, he bought more land, increasing the size of his farm, until it comprised one hundred and seventy acres. He cultivated this land till eight or ten years before his death, when he rented it to his sons, and retired to live free from responsibilities thenceforth. His death occurred in July, 1898. His wife passed away many years earlier, in December, 1882.

Lewis Achenbach was brought up at home. He was sent to the Lockridge township schools, where he was educated in the common branches of learning. After concluding his schooling, he assisted with the work on the home farm. When he came of age, he rented land and began to farm for himself, living with his parents, however, with whom he remained until their death. On this occasion, the home farm came into his possession; and to the cultivation of this tract of one hundred and seventy acres he has given his whole energies ever since. He is a practical farmer, and progressive in his methods; believing in the best possible equipment for a farm, in order to attain the most satisfactory results. The buildings, all erected by himself, are well constructed and modern in detail. He raises on an average sixty head of hogs a year; he keeps twenty-five head of cattle and ten horses.

On January 17, 1892, Mr. Achenbach was united in marriage to Mary L. Graf, a daughter of John and Louisa (Snyder) Graf. Her parents,



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too, were natives of Germany, having come to this country with the incoming tide of foreign population, during the middle of the nineteenth century. When her father was old enough, he began to farm, buying for this purpose a farm in Lockridge township. Here he remained till death claimed him in May, 1911. His widow survives him and is now in her seventieth year.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Achenbach. Their names are: Clara E., aged eighteen; Herman H., aged fifteen; Bertha A. died in 1900; Ruth M., aged eight; and William Henry, aged five. Mr. Achenbach is a republican, and was elected by the members of his party to serve three terms as trustee and as secretary of his township. He was secretary of the school board for fourteen years. In his religious faith, he and his family give their support to the Lutheran church. Mr. Achenbach is a man of high moral character, and responsive to every appeal for the advancement of his community.

JOHN L. WRIGHT.

John L. Wright, one of the prominent and substantial residents of Cedar township, owns an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 14 but has lived practically retired during the past four years, leaving the active work of the fields to his son, Henry Clay. His birth occurred near Winchester, Scott county, Illinois, on the 11th of September, 1840, his parents being Jacob and Rebecca (Groe) Wright. The father was born in Lincoln county, Kentucky, on the 29th of May, 1803, and was a son of Philip Wright, a well known wheelwright of the Blue Grass state. In early manhood Jacob Wright removed to Cumberland county, Kentucky, where he was married. In 1829 he removed to Scott county, Illinois, where he worked at the wheelwright's trade and also followed farming. In 1847 he left that state and came to Jefferson county, Iowa, locating on the farm which is now in possession of our subject. He paid nine hundred dollars for a tract of three hundred and twenty acres and in the spring of 1848 took up his abode thereon. There was not a rail on the property and in addition to clearing the ground, he and his son William made four hundred rails per day, hauling them with oxen. Four years later Jacob Wright walked back to Illinois in order to obtain from his father-in-law sufficient cash to purchase a tract of one hundred acres lying north of his farm. That property is now the site of the Wright cemetery and was donated by Jacob Wright for a public burying ground. The body of his son, Josiah Wright, who died in 1852, was the first one to be interred

therein. On the homestead on section 14, Cedar township, the parents of John L. Wright spent the remainder of their lives, the father passing away on the 21st of June, 1894, and the mother on the 30th of April, 1876. Their marriage had been celebrated in 1828. Their remains were interred in the Wright cemetery. Unto this honored pioneer couple were born ten sons, as follows: William, who is a resident of Fairfield, Iowa; Noah, who is deceased; Elijah, living in Wichita, Kansas; Peter, who has also passed away; Isaac, of Audubon county, Iowa; Thomas, who resides in Barton county, Missouri; John L., of this review; Alfred, living in Fairfield, Iowa; Isom, who is deceased; and Josiah, who died as a child.

John L. Wright remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. His mother taught him how to spin and in this art he became as proficient as any girl in the section where they resided. There being no daughters in the family, he assisted his mother in many of the duties which usually fall to the other sex. In 1865 he spent a brief period in Illinois as a farm hand. In 1875 he purchased eighty acres of land from his father and, as a reward for his filial devotion, was given the forty-acre tract on which stood the old homestead. At the present time he owns one hundred and sixty acres of as fine land as can be found in Jefferson county. In 1907 he put aside the active work of the fields and turned over the management of the farm to his son, Henry Clay, who himself owns a twenty-acre tract which he bought from his uncle Alfred in 1906.

On the 15th of June, 1879, in his own home, Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Miss Laura Jane Rodabaugh, a daughter of Joseph and Catharine (Eichelbarger) Rodabaugh, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Maryland respectively. The father's birth occurred March 16, 1818, while the mother was born on the 6th of November, 1822. They were married on the 13th of October, 1839, and in the spring of 1843 came to Jefferson county, Iowa, from Ohio. Joseph Rodabaugh owned an apple nursery three miles northwest of Birmingham, this state, and did an extensive business, his being at that time the only nursery in the locality. In 1882 he left his farm and took up his abode in Birmingham, where his wife passed away on the 21st of July, 1898. Mr. Rodabaugh is now living in retirement in California, one hundred miles south of San Francisco, making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Mary De Hart. He is ninety-three years of age and promised that he would return to Iowa on a visit when he had reached the century mark. When eighty-one years old he married Mrs. Isabelle Rodabaugh, the widow of his brother, Daniel Rodabaugh, who was at that time seventy-nine years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Wright have one son, Henry Clay, whose birth occurred on the farm on which he now resides, on October 26, 1881. He attended the district schools of Cedar township in the acquirement of an

education and since putting aside his text-books has devoted his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits, being now numbered among the progressive and enterprising young farmers of the community. On the 21st of December, 1904, he wedded Miss Elizabeth Mardock, a daughter of William and Sarah (Wilson) Mardock, the former a native of Van Buren county and the latter of Jefferson county, this state. At the time of his marriage William Mardock resided on a farm a mile and a quarter south of that of John L. Wright. He is now employed in the Iowa tile ditcher factory and resides with his wife at Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Wright have one child, Ruby Iola, who was born on the 12th of December, 1907. Henry Hammons, an uncle of Mrs. H. C. Wright, participated in the Civil war and had a brother, Wesley, who died while at the front. On the 29th of November, 1910, Mrs. John L. Wright passed away in the faith of the Freewill Baptist church, having been a member of a church of that denomination near Birmingham, Iowa.

Both John L. Wright and his son give their political allegiance to the democracy, believing firmly in its principles. Among the most valued objects in possession of our subject is a singing book which was used by his mother when a girl. He also has a spinning wheel made in Illinois by his father, who was a fine workman. Mr. Wright has now passed the seventy-first milestone on his earthly pilgrimage and is spending the evening of life in well earned ease, happy in the friendship and esteem of all who know him.

HENRY CLAY RANEY.

Henry Clay Raney, whose demise occurred on the 19th of August, 1903, was for twenty years one of the prominent members of the Jefferson county bar. He is one of the best known business and professional men of Fairfield, the city of his residence. His birth occurred on a farm in section 31, Cedar township, this county, on the 11th of December, 1855, his parents being William and Hannah (Loomis) Raney. The father, born in Berkeley county, West Virginia, on the 10th of August, 1821, was a gentleman of Scotch-Irish descent; and an agriculturist by occupation. Removing with his parents to Greene county, Ohio, he there remained until 1844, when he came to Iowa territory by horseback on a prospecting tour. Two years later, he returned to the new state of Iowa, locating on a farm on Lick Creek, Van Buren county. On the 13th of August, 1846, he wedded Miss Emily Alexander, of Greene county, Ohio, whom he brought to this state, and who passed away on the 19th of August, 1847. In 1851, William Raney married Miss Hannah Loomis, and, the following

year, took up his abode on a farm in Cedar township, Jefferson county. Hannah Loomis, a native of Ohio, came to this county with her parents in 1839. Her father, Nathaniel Loomis, was a gentleman of Scotch-Irish descent, and a farmer of Holmes county, Ohio. In 1891, William Raney left the farm in Cedar township, and took up his abode in Fairfield, where he spent the remainder of his life in honorable retirement. He passed away on the 17th of October, 1892. He had been a resident of this county for four decades, and had gained an enviable reputation as a substantial agriculturist and representative citizen. His wife, surviving him for ten years, was called to her final rest on the 14th of November, 1902.

Henry Clay Raney began his education in a district school of Cedar township, and, later, attended the academy at Birmingham, Iowa. In 1877, he entered Parsons' College, from which he was graduated in June, 1880, being a member of the first class of graduates the institution sent out. He had completed the four-year course in three years. Having determined upon the legal profession as a life work, he read law for one year with the firm of Leggett & McKemey, and, on the 24th of August, 1882, was admitted to the bar. Subsequently, he pursued a course of office study in Chicago, preparatory to taking up the practice of law with Leggett & McKemey. After spending one year in the office of that firm, Mr. Raney opened an office of his own, and, for twenty years, or until the time of his demise, enjoyed an enviable reputation as one of the prominent members of the Jefferson county bar. His activities, however, were not confined to the practice of law. At the time of his death, he was a member of the firm of Raney Brothers, conducting the Fairfield Brick & Tile Company. He was likewise the president, and one of the organizers, of the Jefferson County Telephone Company. He proved so capable an official that he was chosen the president of the Iowa Telephone Association, and, afterward, became the chief executive officer of the Interstate Telephone Association.

On the 7th of February, 1883, Mr. Raney was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Bogle, a daughter of Samuel and Rachel (Wilson) Bogle, both of whom were natives of Perry county, Ohio; the former was born in 1832 and the latter in 1835. In 1856 they came to Iowa, locating in Lee county. The following year witnessed their removal to Van Buren county, where they continued to reside throughout the remainder of their lives. Samuel Bogle followed farming until 1867, when he took up his abode in Birmingham, Iowa, there living retired until called to his final rest on the 27th of June, 1890. His wife passed away on the 7th of December, 1910. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Raney were born five children, as follows: William, who died in infancy; Franklin Clay, who is employed in the advertising department of the Herhall Company of Peoria, Illinois, and who wedded Miss Hazel Workman, of Mount Zion, Iowa; Ralph Bogle, who died at

the age of eleven months; Ellery M., now a student in Harvard University; and Elizabeth, who attends the Fairfield public schools.

In politics, Mr. Raney was a progressive republican and was called upon to serve the public in the line of his profession. He acted as county attorney and also as city solicitor of Fairfield, and was a member of the city council during one year. He was a pronounced prohibitionist, bitterly opposed to the sale of liquor in any of its forms, and, during his term as county attorney, waged continual war against violators of the law in this and adjoining counties. Mr. Raney was a distinguished member of the Jefferson County Bar Association, which organization, together with the Iowa Telephone Association and the Fairfield Presbyterian church, paid glowing tributes to his memory. In boyhood, he joined the Presbyterian church and remained loyal to the tenets of that denomination throughout the remainder of his life. For twenty years, he was an earnest and active member of the Fairfield Presbyterian church and, during that entire period, was an efficient member of the board of trustees, acting as chairman of the board for fifteen years. His widow also belongs to that church. She now resides at No. 209 West Grimes street, where she took up her abode after the demise of her husband, who passed away in their home on South Main street. In the course of a successful business and professional career, Mr. Raney gave evidence of the possession of those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime awaken confidence and regard. His memory remains as a blessed benediction to those who knew him.

JACOB S. McKEMEY.

Jacob S. McKemey needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for his long and prominent connection with the bar and his helpful advocacy of many progressive measures of citizenship have made him widely known. His entire life has been passed in Jefferson county and in his history there is no esoteric phase. He has always been actuated by a sense of loyalty to duty, which is as strongly manifest in his public relations and in his private life as in his professional connections, where he serves the interests of a large clientele.

Mr. McKemey was born in Fairfield, September 7, 1854, and is a representative of one of the oldest families of this section of the state, his parents, Joseph A. and Cynthia (Hemphill) McKemey, having come to Iowa in 1839, when this district was still a part of the territory of Wisconsin. Extended mention of his parents is made elsewhere in this volume, for no record of Jefferson county would be complete without

mention of them. The youthful days of Jacob S. McKemey were passed in a manner similar to that of most lads of the period. He was a pupil in the public schools prior to entering Iowa College at Grinnell, and with a good literary education to serve as the basis for his professional knowledge, he took up the study of law in the office of the well known firm of Stubbs & Leggett of this city. His thorough preliminary reading qualified him for admission to the bar and on the 3d of May, 1877, he successfully passed the required examination. He then entered into partnership with his former preceptor, Charles D. Leggett, and the association was maintained for ten years, or until Judge Leggett's elevation to the bench on the 6th of December, 1886. Mr. McKemey then formed a partnership with Eben F. Simmons, who had been a student and clerk in his office for several years but following the retirement of Judge Leggett from the bench the old partnership relation was resumed and the firm of Leggett & McKemey still continues. The years have chronicled a continuous increase in their business and there have been few important cases tried in the courts of this district with which they have not been associated either as counsel for the defense or prosecution. The zeal with which Mr. McKemey has devoted his energies to his profession, the careful regard evinced for the interests of his clients and the assiduous and unrelaxing attention to all details of his cases have brought him a large business and made him very successful in its conduct. His arguments have always elicited warm commendation not only from his associates at the bar but also from the bench. In addition to his law practice, Mr. McKemey is one of the stockholders of the Iowa State Savings Bank and was chosen a member of its first board of directors.

Mr. McKemey has been married twice. He first wedded Miss Ada Light, a daughter of Solomon Light. She passed away on the 10th of June, 1887, leaving a son, Charles L., whose birth had occurred July 27, 1882. On the 19th of June, 1889, Mr. McKemey was married to Miss Julia Scofield, a daughter of Bryant Scofield, of Carthage, Illinois, in which city Mrs. McKemey was born and from its college was graduated. Coming to Fairfield, she was elected superintendent of the schools here and by reelection served for four years at the head of the public-school system of this city. Both Mr. and Mrs. McKemey attend the Congregational church and his political allegiance is given to the republican party because of his firm belief in its principles. He has never been an aspirant for office, for he has ever felt that his professional duties demanded all his time and attention save that which he wished to give to home and social interests in his leisure hours. Choosing a business in which individual merit is the source of all advancement, he has gradually worked his way upward and the bar and the public both accord him prominence in the

ranks of the legal fraternity of Jefferson county. He is notable for the care and precision with which he prepares his cases; his briefs always show wide research, careful thought and the best and strongest reasons that can be urged for his contention, presented in cogent and logical form and illustrated by a style unusually lucid.

THOMAS HENRY DOOGAN.

Thomas Henry Doogan, who engages in general farming and stock-raising in Lockridge township, has been a resident of Jefferson county for thirty-one years. He was born in Ireland in Monohan county, township of Diescart, near Carrickmacroso, in September, 1854, and is a son of James and Bridget (Rafferty) Doogan, also natives of the Emerald isle, where his father owned a farm that he cultivated during the entire period of his active career. There he passed away in 1881, but the mother survived until 1890.

Reared and educated in his native land, Thomas Henry Doogan remained at home assisting his father about the farm until he was twenty-six years of age. Having decided to seek a larger field in which to expend his energies in a country where efforts would be rewarded by more than a living, he took passage for the United States in May, 1880, and on the 2d of June landed in New York city. He made his way inland to Fairfield, where he worked for a year on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad. Later he worked in the coal mines and also as a farm hand, having been in the employ of Mr. Sampson, a farmer residing in the vicinity of Lockridge, for four years. As he was ambitious to become the owner of a farm, Mr. Doogan was very thrifty, carefully saving as much of his meagre wages as he could until he had sufficient capital to begin for himself. For ten years thereafter he farmed as a renter, meeting with such success in his efforts that at the end of that period he had the means to purchase a forty-acre tract, that formed the nucleus of his present homestead in Lockridge township. His unremitting energy and the intelligent direction of his activities enabled him to extend the boundaries of his farm by the addition of another forty acres, and in 1906 he increased his holdings by the purchase of an eighty-acre tract in Round Prairie township. He is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of fertile land, all of which is under cultivation. In connection with the operation of his land Mr. Doogan is engaged in stock-raising, and keeps about twenty head of cattle and six horses, while he annually raises thirty hogs. He has always been very successful in both undertakings and during the period of his residence here has made many

and extensive improvements, having erected good barns and outbuildings as well as a residence on his premises, all of which are kept in good repair, everything about his place suggesting a careful regard for details that bespeaks success.

For his wife Mr. Doogan chose Miss Alice Nicholson, their union being celebrated on the 14th of March, 1884. Mrs. Doogan is a daughter of George and Anzaletta (Bonnifield) Nicholson, natives of England and Virginia, respectively. The father, who was born in 1808, emigrated to the United States in 1835, locating at Waterville, New York, later removing to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he remained for some time. He subsequently came to Jefferson county, purchasing a farm in Lockridge township that he improved and operated until 1865, when he disposed of it and removed to Wapello county, Iowa. There he purchased a hundred-acre tract that he operated until his death. Both Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson passed away in 1878, her demise occurring in July, at the age of fifty-three years while he died in September, after attaining his seventieth year. To Mr. and Mrs. Doogan there have been born five children: Charles, who died on the 19th of March, 1910, at the age of twenty-three years and four months; Martha Edna, who is twenty-two, living at home with her parents; Mary, the wife of Arthur Davis, of Lockridge; Lucinda, who died on the 14th of January, 1894, at the age of six months; and John, who is a youth of sixteen years at home.

Mr. Doogan is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church, in the faith of which he was born and reared, but his wife and family affiliate with the Baptist church. He votes the democratic ticket, but has never held any official position save that of school director and has served in this capacity for the past ten years. The entire credit for his success must be given to Mr. Doogan, as he began his career in the United States with practically no capital save his determination of purpose and tireless energy, by means of which he has attained the position he now holds in the community.

ROBERT BRUCE STEPHENSON, M. D.

Dr. Robert Bruce Stephenson, engaged in the practice of medicine for more than a quarter of a century, in which period he has ever been conscientious and faithful in the performance of his professional duties, was born in Lockridge township, Jefferson county, on the 19th of December, 1857, his parents being Robert and Elizabeth (Hopkirk) Stephenson, the mother the only daughter of Hon. William Hopkirk. She was born in New York, and is now a resident of Fairfield. The father, Robert Stephen-

son, was a native of England, and died in Fairfield, February 14, 1909, at the age of seventy-seven years. He was eight years of age when he accompanied his parents on the voyage across the Atlantic, the family home being established in West Virginia, whence they afterward removed to Indiana and subsequently to Iowa, settling in Jefferson county before the state was admitted to the Union. Robert Stephenson was engaged in farming in this county prior to the Civil war. After the outbreak of hostilities between the north and the south he joined the Union army and lost his right leg in battle. He afterward engaged in raising fruit and also filled several local offices, serving as justice of the peace and postmaster at Lockridge, while for four years he was county recorder. In the family were nine children, of whom five have passed away, three dying with diptheria during the war and the other two dying in infancy since the close of hostilities. The four yet living are: Robert Bruce; Ralph, who is at the head of the Iowa Telephone Company in Des Moines; John, acting as rural mail carrier out of Fairfield; and Flora, the wife of Oscar Baltz, of Fairfield.

Dr. Stephenson made his start in life working by the month as a farm hand and also in early manhood engaged in teaching in the district schools. He supplemented his early education by a course in Parsons College, at Fairfield, from which he was graduated with the class of 1883, and thus with a good literary education to serve as a foundation upon which to build the superstructure of his professional learning, he entered the Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, and was there graduated in the class of 1885. Returning to this county he then practiced for seven years in Lockridge and for two years thereafter in Mystic. In 1894 he came to Libertyville, where he has since remained and a growing and extensive practice has been accorded him. He possesses marked ability in the field of his chosen calling because he is continually studying and his perusal of the best medical journals and works, keeps him in touch with the advanced thought and methods of practice of the present day.

In 1886 Dr. Stephenson was married to Miss Laura Effie Jenks, who was born in Buchanan township, this county, and is a daughter of Samuel and D. A. Jenks. She is a graduate of Parsons College and taught school. They now have two children: Laurence B. and Edwin J., both graduates of Parsons College. The elder completed his course in 1902 and is now a student in the engineering department of the Iowa State University. Edwin J., was graduated from Parsons College in 1911, and in the fall of the same year entered the engineering department at Iowa City. Both sons are good ball players, as was the Doctor before them, and were leaders in the baseball, the basket ball and football teams at Parsons College. Dr. Stephenson has always encouraged his sons in manly athletic and outdoor

sports. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, serving for some time as a member of the county central committee but never seeking political office. He holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America and is a faithful and devoted member of the Presbyterian church, in which he has filled the offices of elder and also superintendent of the Sunday school. His influence is always on the side of right and progress, of reform, justice and truth, and his nobility of character, his public-spirited citizenship and his professional skill have gained him a most creditable position in the regard of his fellowmen.

HENRY RUPP.

General farming and stock-raising have always engaged the attention of Henry Rupp, who owns one of the valuable and attractive homesteads of Lockridge township. He was born in Holmes county, Ohio, on the 9th of August, 1849, and is a son of John and Lena (Bateman) Rupp. His parents were both natives of Germany, whence they emigrated in 1848 to the United States, first settling in Ohio. There the father successfully engaged in farming for six years when in 1854 he removed with his wife and family to Jefferson county. Upon his arrival here he invested in two hundred acres of government land in Lockridge township, that he cultivated and improved until his death, meeting with such lucrative returns from his endeavors that he was later able to extend his holdings. He passed away on his farm in May, 1893, while the mother died in April, 1890.

Henry Rupp, who was only a lad of five years when he came to Jefferson county with his parents, obtained his education in the district schools of Lockridge township. When he had acquired such knowledge as was deemed essential for the successful pursuit of an agricultural career, he left school and gave his undivided attention to the operation of the home farm under the supervision of his father. In 1877, at the age of twenty-eight years, he began to work for himself, settling in Montgomery county where he bought a farm that he operated for five years. In 1882 he disposed of his property and returning to Jefferson county bought the old homestead, containing three hundred and sixty acres of land, one hundred of this being located in Henry county and the remainder in Lockridge township. Here he has ever since engaged in general farming and stock-raising, in both of which he has met with most excellent success.

He raises about seventy-five hogs annually and keeps fifty head of cattle and fifteen horses. Mr. Rupp takes great pride in the appearance of his farm and during the period of his occupancy has effected many improvements that have added greatly not only to the appearance but value of the property. His barns and outbuildings are substantially constructed and kept well repaired, while his residence is a comfortable farmhouse surrounded by neatly kept gardens and lawns, that afford a pleasing and inviting appearance. A man of progressive ideas and business sagacity, his place is provided with such modern agricultural implements as will lessen the labor and expedite the work connected with the tilling of the fields or care of the crops.

Mr. Rupp has been married twice. His first union was with Miss Josephine Vohries, the event being celebrated in 1877. Mrs. Rupp was a daughter of Daniel and Malinda (Austin) Vohries, natives of Ohio, who were among the early settlers of Jefferson county. The father acquired some government land that he cultivated for many years, but he is now living retired in Mount Pleasant, this state, while the mother is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Rupp there were born the following children: Hattie, the wife of Ernest Rauscher, a farmer of Lockridge township; Harlan E., a druggist at Botha, Washington; Harry, who is a blacksmith at Lockridge; Ida, the wife of C. F. Bogner, a farmer of Lockridge township; Ernest E., who is living at home; and one who died in infancy. On the 8th of June, 1892, after an illness of eight days, Mrs. Rupp passed away. In 1896, Mr. Rupp married the second time, his present wife having been prior to her marriage, Miss Lizzie Achenbach, a daughter of Ludwig and Margaret Achenbach, who are mentioned at greater length in the sketch of Lewis Achenbach.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Rupp affiliate with the German Lutheran church, numbering many friends among its congregation. He is one of the highly respected and estimable citizens of Lockridge township, where he has resided during the greater part of his sixty-two years, the loyalty of his friends being a tribute to the character of the man whom they have known from boyhood.

EDWIN TULLER.

Coming to Jefferson county in 1855 at the age of thirteen years, Edwin Tuller has lived here almost continuously since that time, thus being intimately associated with the historic changes and material development that have been wrought in this part of the country through the passing years

He was born two miles south of Worthington, in Franklin county, Ohio, May 18, 1841. He is a son of Ezekiel and Elizabeth (Loy) Tuller. The father was descended from Yankee parentage, being born in Connecticut. He chose the pursuit of agriculture for his calling, and, finding opportunities in this direction more bountiful in the rich agricultural sections of the middle western states, migrated to Ohio. There he was married to Elizabeth Loy, a native of Virginia, whose parents had removed to Franklin county, Ohio, when she was a girl. Mr. and Mrs. Tuller followed the westward trend of population, coming to Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1855. Four years later, the father died on his farm five miles southeast of Fairfield; and, subsequently, the mother removed to Missouri, where she passed away, in 1876.

The early years of his life Edwin Tuller spent in Ohio, being a resident of Franklin county during the first eight years and then of Madison county. When his parents removed to Iowa, in 1855, he completed his education in the district school near his home, assisting with the work in the fields until he reached maturity. He then formed a partnership with David Sears, of Locust Grove township, engaging in the harvesting of crops on a basis of a two-thirds share. After his marriage, Mr. Tuller operated the farm owned by his wife's mother. This he managed for two years, when he discontinued farming in order to try himself in another occupation. The romance of the west attracted him to the foothills of the Rockies, and there he secured employment in hauling freight for a firm in Omaha, Nebraska. During this time, the scenes of his labors were amid the rugged mountain region of northern Utah; his daily journeys taking him within three hundred miles of Salt Lake City. Presently, he returned home and once more took up farming. In 1866, our subject removed to the farm on which he lives at present, and, three years later, bought the place; adding to it by subsequent purchases until he owned at one time four hundred acres of rich and productive land. Not wishing to continue the burden of operating so extensive an area, he parted with some of his holdings, retaining one hundred and ninety-six acres for his own use. This tract he now rents to his son, only supervising the management in an advisory capacity. Always industrious and faithful in the performance of those duties which devolved upon him, he was rewarded in his work with well deserved success.

Mr. Tuller and Miss Susan A. Sears, a daughter of Jacob L. and Mary (Sargeant) Sears, natives of Kentucky and Ohio, respectively, were united in marriage on December 24, 1863. The Sears family came from Coles county, Illinois, to Iowa in 1839; the father entering land from the government in Locust Grove township, Jefferson county. He operated the farm and was an extensive landowner, being recognized as one of the substantial

citizens of the county, where he and his wife lived until their death. Mrs. Tuller passed away at the family residence on the homestead, May 22, 1903, leaving six children: George, who operates a farm seven miles southwest of Ottumwa, Iowa, is married to Sarah Long, of Batavia, Iowa, by whom he has two children, Raymond and Arthur Le Roy; William H., who lives on the home farm, is married to Miss Nellie Gow, of Fairfield, by whom he has one child, Gladys Marie; Mary, the wife of W. B. Duns-worth, a dairyman and farmer of Kittitas county, Washington, has one child, Edwin Burrell; Cora E., the wife of H. D. Smith, a farmer of Batavia, has five children, Verle Carleton, Eura Delle, Glenn Tuller, Eunice Cora and Exie Olive; Charles, a dairyman and farmer of Kittitas valley, Washington, is married to Miss Mary Stansell, of Jefferson county, Iowa, by whom he has eight children, Harry Israel, Adalene Elizabeth, Orville Edwin, Lloyd, Elbert and Everett, twins, Irene Lucile and Viola May; Bertha M., the widow of Emory Parrett, a farmer who died October 27, 1903, is the mother of two children, Ila Hester and Alberta Maude.

In his religious faith, Mr. Tuller is a member of the Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belonged. Politically, he is a staunch democrat, believing in a liberal policy for the best interests of the country. In the community in which he lives, he is held in high esteem by all who know his devotion to the principles of truth and justice. He is a man possessed of a strong personality, and has a host of warm friends.

JUDGE CHARLES D. LEGGETT.

Few lawyers have made a more lasting impression upon the bar of the state, both for legal ability of a high order, or for the individuality of a personal character which impresses itself upon a community than has Judge Charles D. Leggett, now practicing as a member of the firm of Leggett & McKemey. A large law practice is accorded him in recognition of his ability, which enables him to successfully cope with the intricate problems of the law and by reason of clear analysis and keen insight to reach a logical conclusion. He has spent almost his entire life in Jefferson county, although his birth occurred in Carrollton, Carroll county, Ohio, October 8, 1849, his parents being Richard H. and Beersheba (Viers) Leggett. The father was for many years one of the enterprising and prominent citizens of Fairfield, to which city he removed with his family in 1855. He was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1811, and was a son of Jesse and Mary (Cheek) Leggett. He came of English ancestry in the paternal line, the family having been founded in

America during colonial days by representatives of the name who settled in Maryland. Richard H. Leggett was a little lad of six years when he accompanied his parents to Carroll county, Ohio, and to the common school system of that district he was indebted for the educational privileges he enjoyed. Early in his business career he engaged in merchandising and subsequently became proprietor of a hotel in Ohio. When the country became involved in war with Mexico he put aside all business and personal considerations to espouse the American cause and raised a regiment and was commissioned its colonel. The troops, however, were never called out for active duty on account of the termination of the war.

While living in Ohio, Richard H. Leggett was married in Jefferson county, on the 25th of April, 1833, to Miss Beersheba Viers, who was born at Island Creek, that county, April 29, 1815, her parents being Elisha W. and Margaret (Ferrell) Viers. Her father, who was of English descent, was born in Montgomery county, Maryland, while her mother, who came of Irish parentage, was a native of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Leggett began their domestic life in Ohio; there they retained their residence until 1855, and then came to Fairfield, Iowa. For eighteen years he had been engaged in the conduct of a hotel in Carrollton, Ohio, and upon his arrival in Jefferson county, Iowa, opened a hotel in Fairfield, remaining for a considerable period the proprietor of a popular hostelry known as the Leggett House. This brought him a wide acquaintance and his genial manner and personal worth gained him the warm friendship of the majority of those with whom he came in contact. His early political allegiance was given to the deomcratic party but when Fort Sumter was fired on he joined the republican party and continued one of its stanch supporters until his demise. His fraternal relations were with Clinton Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M. and his wife was a member of the Presbyterian church, which she joined in 1858. The death of Mr. Leggett occurred September 8, 1884, and his wife passed away October 23, 1892. In their family were nine children, of whom three died in childhood, while two sons and four daughters reached adult age. These are: Samantha, the wife of Rev. John Huchuly; Ella, who became the wife of Dr. Thomas Smith, of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and died March 15, 1857; James Milton, who wedded Jessie Coulter, and died in Chicago, April 15, 1890; Permelia, the wife of George W. Phelps, of Fairfield; Charles D., whose name introduces this review; and Frank E., the wife of Charles Whiting, of Aradell, New Jersey.

In taking up the personal history of Charles D. Leggett we present to our readers the record of one who is widely known in Jefferson county, having for fifty-six years made his home within its borders. He was a lad of six summers when the family came to Iowa and in the schools of

Fairfield he pursued his early education, which was supplemented by study in Griswold College, Davenport, and a course in Kenyon College, at Gambier, Ohio, where he was graduated in 1869 at the head of his class. A review of the broad field of business in its agricultural, commercial and professional departments, led him to decide upon the practice of law as his life work and he therefore began reading with the Hon. D. P. Stubbs, of Fairfield, as his preceptor. He thoroughly acquainted himself with Kent, Blackstone and other commentaries and after careful preparation successfully passed the examination that admitted him to the bar on the 5th of January, 1872. Soon afterward he was admitted to practice in the United States circuit and supreme courts and on the day of his admission to the Iowa bar he formed a partnership with his former preceptor, D. P. Stubbs, under the firm name of Stubbs & Leggett. For five years he practiced in that connection and then on the dissolution of the firm was joined in a partnership relation by Jacob S. McKemey. They were associated under the firm name of Leggett & McKemey until the senior partner was elected to the bench of the second judicial district in 1886. He served for one term and his course was distinguished by high legal ability. His opinions were exceptionally free from all bias. His thorough legal learning and wide experience in the courts, the patient care with which he ascertained all the facts bearing upon every case which came before him, gave his decisions a solidity and exhaustiveness to which no members of the bar could take exception. Upon his retirement on the expiration of the four years' term he resumed his former partnership relation and the firm of Leggett & McKemey remains as one of the most prominent in the annals of Iowa's jurisprudence. Judge Leggett has argued many cases and lost but few. No one better knows the necessity for thorough preparation and no one more carefully prepares his cases than he. His course in the court room is characterized by a calmness and dignity that indicate reserve strength. He is always courteous and deferential toward the court, kind and forbearing toward his adversaries and his handling of a case is always full, comprehensive and accurate, while his analysis of the facts is clear and exhaustive.

On the 2d of September, 1885, was celebrated the marriage of Judge Leggett and Miss Beatrice Cunningham, of Centerville, Iowa, a daughter of P. F. Cunningham. She was born in Centerville and is a graduate of Parsons College, at Fairfield. The children of this marriage are: Richard C., born October 8, 1886; Ruth, born March 21, 1889; George P., born January 19, 1893; and Elizabeth, born January 21, 1897. Judge Leggett has always given his political allegiance to the republican party but has never sought office outside the strict path of his profession, preferring to concentrate his energies upon the duties that come to him as a member of

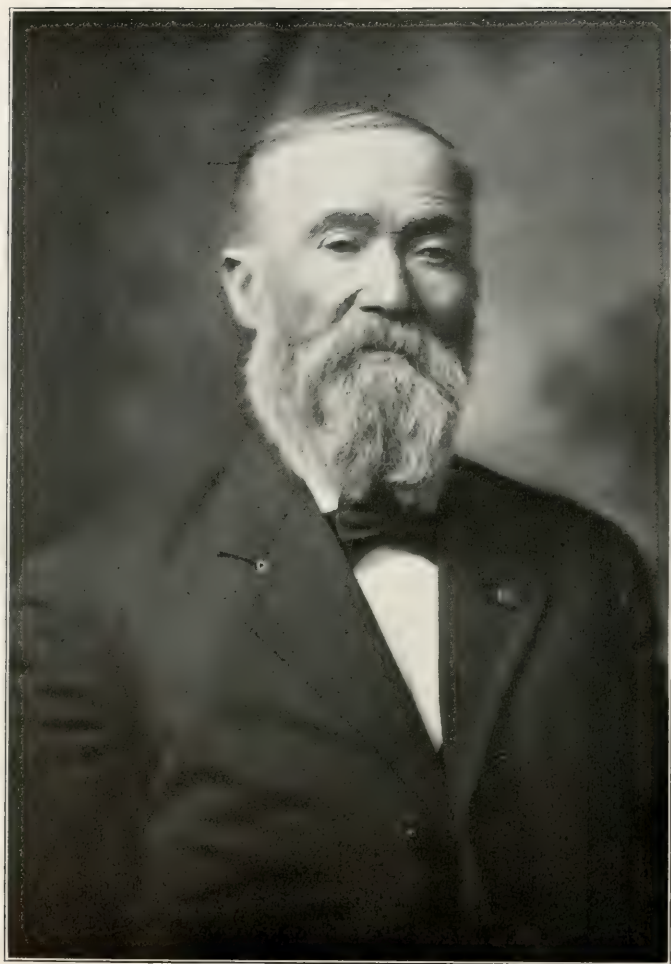
the bar. His devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial and his position in the public regard is indicated in the fact that his name is always found high on the list of the leading citizens of Jefferson county.

GUSS A. SMITHBURG.

Guss A. Smithburg is of Swedish origin having been born in Sweden, August 5, 1842. He was the son of Peter and Catherine Smithburg, natives of Sweden where his father was a coppersmith by trade, working at this occupation until he came to America in the year 1848. He settled in Jefferson county where he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Lockridge township. He was about to cultivate his property and make improvements thereon when he met with a sudden death. On his way to a neighboring sawmill, whither he was going for the purpose of buying his building materials, he was drowned in Brush Creek, the mill-race on which Ross's sawmill was situated. Mr. Smithburg's death left his widowed wife alone with six children, strangers in a strange land. Guss A. Smithburg, who still retains some dim recollections of this period, was only six years old at the time. His mother, however, met the situation confronting her with the heroism born of stoical determination and, with the help of the older children, carried out her husband's plans for clearing and improving the land, so that in time her farm bore abundant crops. She remained on the homestead until her death, which occurred in 1869, at the age of sixty-eight years.

Guss A. Smithburg was educated in the Lockridge township district schools. At the age of nineteen years he enlisted in Company M, Fourth Iowa Cavalry and served all through the Civil war. Upon the termination of the war he returned to his home and lived with his mother until her death. Then he gained possession of the home farm by right of purchase from the other heirs and, devoting himself to the cultivation of this land, has continued to operate it ever since. He now enjoys the reputation of owning one of the finest and best improved farms in Jefferson county, having added to the original land until he had two hundred and forty acres in all.

The marriage of Guss A. Smithburg to Miss Christina Anderson was celebrated December 27, 1868. She was a daughter of Andrew M. and C. Louisa (Johnson) Anderson, natives of Sweden who came to Jefferson county in 1849. Here they acquired forty acres in Lockridge township which they cleared and improved. At the outbreak of the war Mr. Anderson sold this farm and removed to Henry county, Iowa, where he bought



GUSS A. SMITHBURG



MRS. GUSS A. SMITHBURG

land near Swedesburg. He operated this for the remainder of his life. He died in 1890, being eighty-one years of age, his widow surviving him, being now ninety years of age and making her home at present in Galesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Smithburg were the parents of eight children. The living are: Elmer M., residing in Lockridge, Iowa; Alma M., twin sister of Elmer, married to Frank Cox of Cedar township, Jefferson county; Bertha, the wife of E. A. Kauffman, a farmer in Lockridge township; Walter W., who has taken up a homestead in Canada; Minnie, married to Clarence Wedertz, living at Keokuk, Iowa; Ralph E., a farmer in Canada. The deceased are: Clara E., the first born, who died December 5, 1873, at the age of four years; and Clark A., who died December 9, 1873, at the age of one year.

Mr. Smithburg has served as trustee of his township for several years. He is a republican in his political allegiance. As a veteran of the Civil war he is an enthusiastic member of the George Strong Post, G. A. R., at Fairfield, Iowa. He worships in the Methodist church in which his wife is also a member. The handsome home in which he lives and the broad acres of rich fields with which it is surrounded give ample testimony of the success that has crowned his life's labors.

GREER McKEE.

There is no record which the American citizen holds in higher honor than that of the man whose strength of character, determination of purpose and indefatigable energy have enabled him to work his way upward from a humble position to one of affluence and who, throughout his business career, has followed a straightforward, honorable course, that neither seeks nor requires disguise. Such has been the record of Greer McKee, and no history of Jefferson county would be complete if it failed to make mention of this venerable citizen who, although he has now reached the eighty-fourth milestone on life's journey, is still as active in the world's work as many men of much younger age. He was born on the 8th of November, 1827, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and comes from a family which has been represented in this country since colonial days. The American progenitor of the family was William McKee, the grandfather of our subject, who was born in County Derry, in the north of Ireland, of Scotch-Irish descent, and came to America prior to the Revolutionary war and fought throughout the long war for independence. He was a man of good college training who had been educated for the Presbyterian ministry, but later in life learned the trade of a coverlet weaver,

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following that occupation in connection with agricultural pursuits in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, for a number of years. In his family were nine children of whom three sons died in early life, while three sons and three daughters lived to maturity. Of this number Henry McKee, the father of Greer McKee, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and spent almost his entire life in the Keystone state. Prior to his demise he removed to Ohio, locating in Harrison county, and there continued to follow the trade of a carpenter until his death. He had been a soldier of the war of 1812, and took part in the battle of Plattsburg. He married Elizabeth Duncan, who was born, reared and married in Washington county, Pennsylvania, where her death also occurred. Her father, James Duncan, was a lifelong resident of the Keystone state, where he carried on general farming. He, too, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, and Greer McKee, of this review, believes that he is the only man in the state of Iowa who is the grandson of two Revolutionary soldiers. By a former marriage to John McCloskey, Mrs. McKee had four children, and unto her second marriage were born two children of whom Greer McKee is the elder. His sister, Mary Jane, who married Andrew Myers, is now a resident of Spokane, Washington, her husband having died shortly after participating in the battle of Perryville, in the Civil war, his death being caused by a wound received in that engagement.

Greer McKee was but six years of age when his mother passed away. He continued a resident of Pennsylvania until his sixteenth year, when he went with his father to Harrison county, Ohio, where he remained until he enlisted for service in the Civil war on the 15th of May, 1864, joining Company E, One Hundred and Fifty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for one hundred days' service. He had previously, however, served in the state troops, the martial spirit which characterized the father and grandfathers being strong within him. After the close of hostilities, he came to Iowa, in the spring of 1865, and located in Liberty township, Jefferson county, upon the farm which is now his home, his first purchase making him the owner of one hundred and twenty acres. In early life, Greer McKee had learned and followed the trade of carpentry, which he had mastered under the direction of his father, and for which he had strong preference. After arriving in Iowa, he also engaged in that occupation in connection with his farming for about four years, but, later, withdrew from that line of activity to devote his entire attention to his agricultural pursuits, which demanded more and more of his time. He applied himself diligently to the tasks at hand, and, as the years passed, success in large measure attended his efforts so that he was able, from time to time, to add to his original holdings until, eventually, he became one of the largest landowners in his section of the county. At one time, he owned five

hundred acres, all located in Jefferson and Van Buren counties, one hundred and twenty acres in Audubon county and one hundred and sixty acres in Ringgold county. With the exception of one hundred and fifteen acres upon which he now resides, however, Mr. McKee has disposed of all of his property as advancing years have made it impossible for him to personally supervise such extensive holdings. His home place is located in Jefferson county, on the Van Buren county line, and is a finely developed farm, equipped with modern improvements and accessories. His life record may well serve as an example to others inasmuch as he started out in life a poor boy, without any special advantages at the outset of his career; but by earnest endeavor, close application and well directed efforts, he worked his way upward in the business world until he became one of the wealthiest residents of this district. Much of his property and income, however, has been turned over to his children, all of whom he has helped in a very substantial manner.

Mr. McKee was married, on the 1st of March, 1860, in Harrison county, Ohio, to Miss Mary Ann Tedrow, who was born in that county January 8, 1842, a daughter of Goliah and Christian (Miller) Tedrow, both of whom passed away in Ohio. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McKee have been born twelve children, as follows: Flora Bell, who married James F. Lawson, of Liberty township; G. T., of Union township, Van Buren county; Mary Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Reuben Johnson; W. G., of Van Buren county; Anna Eliza, who wedded James Simpson, of this township; John, who resides at home with his father, and owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Van Buren county; Rosetta, the wife of William Lawson, of Liberty township; Ira, who passed away at the age of three years; Willis C., of Center township, Jefferson county; U. S. Grant, of Van Buren county; Jennie May, a student at Parsons College; and Nora, who married Pearl Kirkhart. All of this number were born in Jefferson county, Iowa, with the exception of the three eldest, whose births occurred in Ohio.

Mr. McKee has found the inspiration for the faithful performance of each day's duties in his connection with the Presbyterian church, of which he has been a member for sixty years. He now belongs to the church at Birmingham, of which he has served as elder since his arrival here, at the present time acting as ruling elder. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party which stood as the support of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war, and on that ticket was elected to the office of township trustee. He has also held school offices throughout much of the period of his residence here, and has been most zealous in his support of all movements which have for their object the improvement and development of the community, being a stalwart champion of material, intellectual and moral progress, recognizing, as he does, that each plays an

important part in the world's affairs. He taught Sunday school for about sixty years. In spite of his eighty-four years, Greer McKee is still to be found at work in the fields or about the farm; and, so lightly do his years rest upon him, that he claims he can pile more hay on a wagon today than any other man in the locality. His has indeed been a well spent life, characterized by faithfulness to duty in every relation. Today, he enjoys the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded one of advanced years whose life has been in large measure an exemplification of all that is praiseworthy in man's relation to his fellowmen and to the community in which he resides.

GEORGE BRADFIELD.

George Bradfield, who for the past seven years has lived retired in Brookville, was numbered among the substantial and representative agriculturists of Jefferson county during his early manhood; later, he engaged in business as a huckster and painter of Fairfield. His birth occurred in Monroe county, Ohio, on the 16th of January, 1837, his parents being Stephen and Nancy (Bradfield) Bradfield, both of whom were natives of Prince William county, Virginia, in which state their marriage was celebrated. The father came of English descent; the mother was of Scotch lineage. In 1831, they removed to Ohio, locating in Monroe county, where they continued to reside until 1849, which year witnessed their arrival in Jefferson county, Iowa. Stephen Bradfield operated a rented farm in Fairfield township for several years. Subsequently he purchased a tract of land north of Abingdon, in Polk township, residing thereon throughout the remainder of his life. His wife survived him for seven years.

George Bradfield obtained his education in the district schools. After he had attained his majority, he worked on shares with his father, residing under the parental roof until thirty years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. In 1863, he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company F, Third Iowa Cavalry. He participated in the battle of Little Rock, Arkansas, and was then assigned to the Eastern department, taking part in the engagements at Oxford and Guntown, Mississippi. He was also in a number of skirmishes incident to Price's raid through Arkansas and Missouri, and on the Blue river. On one occasion, his horse was killed and fell upon him, dislocating one of his ankles and shoulders. After spending four months in the hospital at Jefferson City, Missouri, Mr. Bradfield returned to his company at Louisville, Kentucky, and did active duty as a soldier until the cessation of

hostilities, when he was mustered out at Davenport, Iowa. Returning home with a creditable military record, Mr. Bradfield resumed farming, in association with his father. Following his marriage, he took up his abode on a farm in Wapello county, where he remained for one year; subsequently, he spent four years on the old Gow place in Fairfield township, Jefferson county. Removing to Kansas, he there remained for four years, on the expiration of which period he was obliged to leave the Sunflower state because of the ravages of the grasshoppers. In 1874, he returned to this county, locating in Brookville, where he made his home for twenty years. He next removed to Fairfield, where he resided for two years; he then spent four years in Brookville, and afterward again lived in Fairfield for five years. While a resident of Fairfield, he was successfully engaged in business as a huckster and painter, but, during the past seven years, has lived in honorable retirement at Brookville, owning an attractive residence and thirteen acres of land in section 11, Locust Grove township.

On the 19th of February, 1867, at the home of the bride's parents in Fairfield township, Mr. Bradfield was united in marriage to Miss Christina C. Gow, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Peter and Jeanette (Parker) Gow, both of whom were born in Glasgow, Scotland. Emigrating to America, her parents first located in Ohio; later, about 1848, they took up their abode on a farm in Fairfield township, Jefferson county, Iowa. The last years of their lives, however, were spent in retirement at Fairfield.

The record of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Bradfield is given below. Cora Eva gave her hand in marriage to Benson Ashmead, an agriculturist residing east of Bloomfield, by whom she has five children: Ethel, Edgar, Clifford, Fred and Carl. Harry E. operates a farm of one hundred and twenty-eight acres, just south of Brookville, in association with his son Bruce. In early manhood, he wedded Miss Nora Hoffman, daughter of Esham Hoffman, a well known farmer of Locust Grove township. Unto them were born four children, two of whom survive; **Bruce and Bernice**. Both Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bradfield are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Brookville. The former served as assessor of Locust Grove township for one term. Frank Bradfield, who farms a tract of land northeast of Brookville, married Lilly Ireland, of Locust Grove township, by whom he has two children, Hilda and Charles. The mother was twice married, her first husband being Nelson Goodman, by whom she had one child: Marjory May Goodman.

In politics, Mr. Bradfield is a staunch republican, loyally supporting the party which was the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war. For four years, he held the office of postmaster at Brookville, under President Benjamin Harrison. Both he and his wife belong to the

Methodist Episcopal church of Brookville, taking a helpful part in its work. Mr. Bradfield was a member of Abingdon post of the Grand Army of the Republic, until it was disbanded. Now, in the evening of life, he is living retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease.

DAVID L. BROWN.

It has often been said that death is no respecter of persons, but when the aged are called, although regret is often felt at their passing, it yet seems to be in the course of nature. When the young are called, however, no such feeling palliates the deep grief that comes to those who are left behind and there must ever remain a feeling of sorrow that a career is thus cut short. Many of the older citizens of Jefferson county remember with pleasure their acquaintance with David L. Brown, who was identified with the coal mining interests of Coalport before the Civil war and again from the time he returned, a wounded soldier, until death claimed him in 1869.

He was born in Clinton, Pennsylvania, October 25, 1840, his parents being John B. and Jane (Dalton) Brown, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of the Keystone state. On coming to the new world John B. Brown settled in Pennsylvania, where he resided until 1849, when, attracted by the discovery of gold in California and the opportunities there offered, in a business way, he went to the Pacific coast, where he remained until 1859. In that year he retraced his steps as far as Jefferson county, Iowa, where he took up his abode, turning his attention to the coal mining business at Coalport. He was thus engaged throughout the remainder of his life and both he and his wife passed away in this county.

David L. Brown was a little lad of eight years when the long journey was made to California, and was a youth of nineteen when the family came to Jefferson county. His education, which was begun in the schools of the Golden state, was continued after he reached Iowa and his home training stimulated in him habits of industry and resolute purpose. On August 9, 1862, he enlisted for service as a member of Company G, Thirtieth Iowa Infantry, and served until the charge on Vicksburg, when he was seriously wounded and because of his condition was forced to return home. For a year thereafter he was obliged to go about on crutches. On again coming to Jefferson county he reentered the coal business, in which he had previously engaged, and on the death of his father in 1865 took charge of his coal interests at Coalport. He found, however, that the heavy work was more than he could stand and the drain upon his

strength and vitality was such that his health became undermined and he passed away on the 29th of April, 1869.

Mr. Brown left a young widow, having been married on the 10th of December, 1867, to Miss Mary U. Hopkirk, whose parents were William and Jane (Redpath) Hopkirk, natives of Scotland. About 1834 they left the land of hills and heather and came to the United States, settling first in New York, where the father followed the trade of dyeing for several years, having previously acquainted himself with the business when in Scotland. He afterward went to Ohio but a few years later came to Jefferson county, settling here in 1842. That the district was still sparsely settled is indicated by the fact that there was land yet unclaimed and he entered a tract from the government. The state, too, had not been admitted into the Union and there were many evidences of frontier life on all sides. Mr. Hopkirk took up the arduous task of developing a new farm and built thereon a log house and barn and year by year continued the cultivation of his place until it became one of the well improved farms of Lockridge township. His labors enhanced its productiveness and therefore its value and the excellent work which he did in the cultivation of the fields furnished an object lesson that others might well follow. Moreover, he became to a considerable extent a director of public opinion and during his residence on the farm he was called to represent his district in the fifteenth general assembly, where he made such a creditable record that he received public indorsement in a reelection to the sixteenth assembly. He gave careful consideration to each question which came up for settlement and he at all times enjoyed the confidence and respect of his colleagues in the assembly. He likewise filled various local offices in the township and county and acted as justice of the peace, holding court in his own home. His official service was ever characterized by a loyal devotion to duty that none questioned. Born in 1811, he was eighty-one years of age, when, in 1892, he was called to his final rest, and his wife, who was born in 1813, reached the age of fifty-six years, her death occurring in 1869. In their family were eleven children, six of whom are deceased. Of the others, two are residing in Fairfield, one in Lockridge township, one in California, and another in the state of Washington.

Of this family Mrs. Brown was born in West Virginia, on the 25th of February, 1842, and was brought to Iowa by her parents when three months old. Her girlhood days were spent under the parental roof and she was carefully trained in the work of the household, so that she was well qualified to take care of a home of her own at the time of her marriage. To Mr. and Mrs. Brown was born one child, Mary J., born November 21, 1868; she graduated from the Fairfield high school in 1888 and has taught school for twenty years; she is now a teacher in the Logan school at Fair-

field. Mr. Brown and his wife attended the Methodist church, but Mrs. Brown later on joined the Baptist denomination in Lockridge and about 1887 she and her daughter became members of the Methodist church here. His political belief Mr. Brown accorded the republican party. His was regarded as a most untimely death, for he had not yet passed the twenty-eighth milestone on life's journey. He was laid to rest with full military honors and is yet remembered by many of the older settlers as a young man of good business ability, whose sterling qualities were such as to gain for him the admiration and the friendship of many. His associates and friends all mourned his death but the loss came with greatest force to his little family and though more than forty years have come and gone since he was laid to rest, his widow yet remains true to his memory.

JOSEPH V. CLARK.

Joseph V. Clark, a prominent and influential resident of Van Buren county, where he is successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits, is perhaps equally well known in financial and business circles in this locality with which he was identified for many years. He is one of the county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Village township on the 29th of October, 1849. His parents, Julius L. and Emeline M. (Carson) Clark, were both born in Belmont county, Ohio, the former on the 7th of April, 1824, and the latter on the 31st of October, 1827. In 1846 they came to Van Buren county, Iowa, in company with the parents of Mrs. Clark, and here they were married. Mr. Clark at once purchased a farm of eighty acres which had just been entered by another northeast of Doud Station, and in 1850 he went to California by the overland route, returning to Iowa after a year and a half spent on the coast, the return trip being made via the isthmus. He was a wagon maker by trade, having followed that occupation for about twenty years, and he also gave much of his attention to general farming. He was one of a family of nine children, all now deceased, of whom all but the eldest, Madison, and the two daughters, Elizabeth and Caroline Smith, who were the youngest in the family, enlisted for service in the Civil war. Julius L. Clark, however, after enlisting in the Tenth Iowa Infantry was rejected but his five brothers all went to the front and gave up their lives on the altar of their country. Joseph enlisted from Mansfield, Ohio; John became a member of the Thirtieth Iowa Regiment; George enlisted in an Illinois Regiment and later reenlisted in the marine service, being killed at the battle of Mobile, while Waterman and Samuel both belonged to an Ohio Regiment. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Julius L. Clark were born nine children,

as follows: Joseph V., of this review; William, deceased; Samuel, a resident of Edwards county, Kansas; Mary Smith, a widow living at Mount Pleasant; Annie, who married Oscar Cornell, of Pawnee county, Kansas; Nora Jane, who married W. S. Shoemaker of Ottumwa, Iowa; John M., who has also passed away; Thomas M., of Hutchinson, Kansas; and Amanda, the wife of Elmer Richardson, of Wilmore, Kansas.

Joseph V. Clark spent the first seventeen years of his life in Van Buren county and then, in 1866, came with his parents to Jefferson county, making his home in Liberty township until his marriage. He then took up his abode in Wayne county where he resided for one year, after which he returned to Liberty township, here engaging in agricultural pursuits until twenty years ago. At that time he removed to Birmingham and at once began dealing in horses and at the same time carried on a real-estate business. Later he became identified with financial interests as a director of the Birmingham Savings Bank, in which capacity he has served since its organization, and since its inception has also served as a director of the Farmers Exchange Building of Birmingham. For nineteen years he divided his attention between these various enterprises and by reason of well directed efforts and keen business sagacity came at length to be ranked among the most prosperous and representative residents of the town. He continued actively in business there with increasing success until about a year ago, when he returned to country life, taking up his home upon his home farm of one hundred and fifty acres located on section 27, Liberty township. He also owns another tract in Ford county, Kansas, and one in Haskell county, that state, and in the conduct of his farming enterprise his labors are likewise proving most profitable. He is well known and influential in agricultural circles in this district, serving at present as secretary of the Van Buren County Farmers Institute, which office he has filled for several years and in which capacity he is doing all in his power to stimulate the interest of his fellowmen in all that tends to promote progress in agricultural lines.

Mr. Clark was married February 18, 1873, to Miss Ella M. Tower, who was born in Ripley county, Indiana, on the 24th of February, 1852, and came to Jefferson county, Iowa, November 1, 1854, with her parents, J. H. and Philena (Burton) Tower. Her father, born February 24, 1825, is still living at the venerable age of eighty-six years. When he came to Iowa he entered two hundred acres of land near Batavia. He now makes his home in Pomona, California, but the mother passed away in 1869. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Clark there are three children, namely: Clara M., who is the wife of Dr. A. E. Nelson, of Sidney, Iowa, and they have two children, R. and A. C.; Lester T., has four children, A. C., Mary LaRue, Ralph Edmund and Robert Dale, residing at Palisade, Colorado; and Inez J., at home, who graduated from Birmingham high school, from the College of

Oratory of Drake University and from Fremont, Nebraska, College, and who for a time was principal of the schools of Broken Bow, Nebraska. The other children also graduated from the high school. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Clark has voted for republican candidates and principles and has served in various minor offices, including that of school director, in which capacity he has acted for many years. He is well known throughout the community for the interest which he takes in all matters of public improvement, is a man worthy of the confidence of the people and is one of the township's most substantial business factors.

JOSEPH ALISON McKEMEY.

Indelibly interwoven with the annals of Jefferson county is the name of Joseph Alison McKemey, numbered among those who laid the foundation for the present progress and prosperity of this section of the state. More than seventy-two years have come and gone since he first took up his abode in Iowa, which, however, was then a part of the territory of Wisconsin. The date of his arrival here was June, 1839, and the condition which met him was that which is usually found on the frontier. There was acre after acre of untilled and unclaimed land and in the summer time the prairies were starred with a million wild flowers, while in the winter seasons they presented the appearance of one unbroken and dazzling sheet of snow. Only here and there had a little settlement been made, showing that some courageous pioneer was braving the hardships and dangers of life in a district on the very borders of civilization.

Joseph A. McKemey was a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, born March 27, 1815, and his parents were James W. and Martha (Alison) McKemey, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. Both were born in Franklin county, the former in 1785, and the latter March 19, 1793. James W. McKemey died in 1816, at the early age of twenty-nine years, and a few years later his widow became the wife of Jacob Slagle, who proved a kind and devoted father to Joseph A. McKemey, who was the only child of the mother's first marriage. Mrs. Slagle died in St. Louis, Missouri, May 15, 1858, while on the way to visit her children in Iowa.

Joseph A. McKemey served a regular apprenticeship to the trade of saddler and harness maker under his stepfather, working in the shop until he attained his majority, after which he was employed as a journeyman in various cities of Ohio and Indiana. In the spring of 1839 he accompanied three older men on the long journey from Washington, Pennsylvania, to the territory of Iowa. They traveled on horseback, crossing the three states

of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and after a month spent upon the road reached Burlington, Iowa, on the 24th of June. They had proceeded as far as Decatur, Illinois, when they found it was impossible to continue their journey because of swollen streams and remained from Friday until the following Tuesday at a hotel where Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas were guests. The time was enlivened by the conversation and sallies of wit between the two young men who were later to become national characters. On reaching Springfield, Mr. McKemey and his companion found that Mr. Lincoln was already there, having preceded them on foot. From Burlington, Iowa, Mr. McKemey traveled to Bentonsport, and there established a little general store and harness shop, conducting business at that place until 1842, when he became a resident of Jefferson county. Here he purchased a claim of four hundred and eighty acres, which was situated about two miles south of Fairfield, entering the land at the government sales and immediately afterward beginning the improvement of his property. He possessed the courageous spirit and indomitable energy which characterized so many of the pioneer settlers and had soon converted a considerable portion of his wild prairie into productive fields.

For a companion and helpmate on life's journey Mr. McKemey chose Miss Cynthia Hemphill, whom he wedded February 28, 1844. She was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Adley Hemphill, and in her girlhood removed with her parents to Wayne county, Ohio, whence the family came to Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1842. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McKemey were born seven children: Martha Jane, the wife of Daniel De Vecmon, of Denver, Colorado, now deceased; Margaret, who died at the age of thirty years; one who died in infancy; Elizabeth, the wife of Captain S. J. Chester; Jacob S., also of Fairfield; Mary A., the wife of Rollin J. Wilson, son of Senator Wilson, also of Fairfield; and Flora, the wife of Dr. J. C. Sutton, now deceased.

In 1845 Mr. McKemey left the farm and established a harness shop in Fairfield, continuing in that business until elected county treasurer in the fall of 1857. He then sold out and on the 1st of October, that year, resumed the duties of the office to which he was twice reelected, serving for six years, at the end of which time he declined a renomination. He then purchased a harness shop in Fairfield and built up a gratifying trade, continuing in the business until December 18, 1885, when, at the age of seventy years, he retired from active life. His capable management and well directed industry had brought him substantial success and a competency sufficient to meet all of his requirements through the evening of his days.

Throughout the entire period of his residence in the county, Mr. McKemey bore an active and helpful part in public affairs both along political

lines and otherwise. In early manhood he gave his support to the whig party and stanchly maintained an attitude of opposition to slavery. In 1847 he met with seven others in Fairfield and organized an anti-slavery association for the purpose of opposing the system that prevailed in the south and also of aiding escaping fugitives. When the republican party was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery he joined its ranks and was a delegate to the first state convention in 1854. He continued an ardent advocate of that party until 1888, when, believing that the temperance question was then the dominant issue before the people; he joined the ranks of the prohibition party, supporting Fisk and Brooks, its nominees for president and vice president respectively. Thereafter he maintained an unfaltering allegiance to the party and was unceasing in his efforts to promulgate temperance principles. He was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian church and remained a member thereof until 1860, when, not being in sympathy with the attitude of that church toward the slavery question, he and his wife withdrew and joined the Congregational church. Mr. McKemey reached a ripe old age and passed away in 1898, "full of years and honors." His life was indeed one of usefulness. His quiet manner, his easy dignity, his frankness and cordiality of address, with a total absence of anything sinister or anything to conceal foretold a man who was ready to meet any obligation of life with the confidence and courage that come of conscious, personal ability, right conception of things and an habitual regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities.

C. W. WHITHAM.

In the business circles of Center township, C. W. Whitham occupies a prominent position as proprietor of the Fairfield Nursery. At the same time, he is also successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising, being numbered among the prosperous and progressive residents of this section of the county. He was born in Fairfield on the 29th of May, 1857, a son of J. M. and Emily Elmira (Dravo, nee Munhall) Whitham, who came to Fairfield about 1845, and were here married. The father, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, had in early life learned and followed the tailor's trade, but, after his arrival in Fairfield, he entered the bakery and grocery business. Subsequently, he purchased a small farm east of the city and there instituted the Fairfield Nursery, in the conduct of which his son is now engaged and to which he gave his attention from 1865 until 1880. In the latter year, he removed to Nebraska and for a time operated a lumber yard at Imperial, that state.

After selling out his interests there, he went to Colorado about the time Holyoke was started, and purchased at auction a lot and there built a general mercantile business which he conducted until called from this life. He passed away in Holyoke, in 1898, at the age of seventy-four years; and his widow now makes her home in Seattle, Washington. By a former marriage, he had four children but unto his second union there were born twelve. Four children passed away in early life, while out of the entire sixteen nine are still living.

C. W. Whitham, the eldest child of J. M. and Emily E. Whitham, was a lad of four years when the family removed to the farm; thus his father's place was the training ground upon which he received his preparation for subsequent activity in the business world. He has continued a resident of Jefferson county since that time, with the exception of three years immediately following his marriage which he spent in Nebraska, where he homesteaded a claim. He now resides on a farm consisting of one hundred and forty-five acres on section 28, Center township, and here is busily engaged in the conduct of the Fairfield Nursery of which his father had been the original proprietor. He also carries on general farming and stock-raising, owning in connection with his son a tract of two hundred and sixty acres in Cedar township. In the management of his various interests, he manifests a thorough understanding of each resulting in the attainment of a prosperity which is substantial and creditable.

The year 1880 witnessed the marriage of Mr. Whitham and Miss Iowa Ellen McCormick, who was born in Buchanan township; Jefferson county, January 22, 1863; a daughter of George and Sarah (Howard) McCormick. Her parents were both natives of Indiana and came to Iowa in the same fall, the father when thirteen years of age and the mother at the age of twelve. The former followed the occupation of farming all his life. He passed away on the 9th of July, 1911, when seventy-four years of age. His widow still survives and now makes her home at Beckwith. In their family were eleven children of whom five died in infancy while the other six are yet living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Whitham were born ten children but six passed away in early life, those remaining being: Raymond Arthur, a resident of Fairfield, who married Mildred Dana and has one child; Roy R., residing on a farm near the old homestead, who married Bertha McGrew and now has two children; and Bessie Ellen and Iowa Daisy, whose births occurred just five years apart, their natal day being February 16th. The parents and their family hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and are well known in the social circles of the community in which they live. Mr. Whitham belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his political support is given to the Republican party. Although not remiss in the duties of citizenship, he has never sought to figure in any

public light but has preferred rather to concentrate his energies upon the conduct of his private affairs. Possessing a laudable ambition to succeed in the avenue of business activity which he has chosen as his life work, Mr. Whitham has earnestly and persistently pushed forward toward the goal of prosperity, and the success which has attended his efforts is all the more creditable because it has been won through honorable methods and fair dealing.

ISAAC D. JONES.

Isaac D. Jones is today one of the veteran members of the Iowa bar, having practiced continuously in Fairfield since 1860. Moreover he has been a resident of the state since its territorial days and has not only been an interested witness in the transformation that has here been wrought but has also actively participated in the work of development and progress which has brought Iowa to its present high place in the sisterhood of states. His birth occurred in Johnson county, Indiana, April 9, 1832. One of his great-grandfathers was Christopher McCannon, who served on the Virginia line during the Revolutionary war and was wounded at the battle of Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina, after which his wife, Hannah, the great-grandmother of Mr. Jones, took care of him while he lay wounded on the battlefield. He did not recover from his injuries but soon passed away and was buried at Richmond, Virginia. The parents of our subject were William C. and Pamela A. (Vaughan) Jones, the former born in North Carolina, July 9, 1809, and the latter in Virginia, October 3, 1811. They were reared, educated and married in the south and in 1831 removed from Virginia to Johnson county, Indiana, where they arrived on the 31st of December of that year. For about fourteen years they remained in Indiana and on the 30th of March, 1845, came to Iowa, settling in the eastern portion of Jefferson county. They first took up their abode on government land and later the father purchased other property, continuing to engage in farming until 1876. He then retired and removed to Fairfield, where his death occurred September 10, 1898. His wife had passed away in this city in 1889. They both had the warm friendship of many who knew them and Mr. Jones was regarded as a valuable citizen whose labors contributed to the work of general progress and improvement. He held a number of local offices including those of township assessor and county assessor in Indiana. He was likewise a member of the board of commissioners, was collector and treasurer and served as sheriff of Johnson county, Indiana. In 1840 he was also made

deputy United States marshal for the district which included Johnson county. In 1860 he made the enumeration in the east half of Jefferson county and for two terms he filled the position of school fund commissioner. He also acted as justice of the peace and was clerk and member of the school board, being continuously identified with the interests of public education in Cedar township until his retirement from the farm in 1876. No public trust reposed in him was ever betrayed in the slightest degree and his loyalty to the best interests of the community marked him as one of the representative and worthy citizens of his part of the state. In politics he was a lifelong democrat, voting with that party since casting his first presidential ballot for Andrew Jackson in 1832. Both he and his wife held membership in the Christian church and were always loyal and true to their professions. Unto them were born six children of whom Isaac D. is the eldest. William H., who was a druggist of Fairfield for twenty-two years, is now deceased. Cornelius, who had conducted a drug store in Fairfield for twenty-eight years, is also deceased. Martin V. B., who had followed carpentry during the greater part of his life and who served for two years in the Twenty-sixth Missouri Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war, was wounded at Champion's Hill, being shot through the knee, after which he was honorably discharged. He then returned to Fairfield where he continued his residence until called to his final rest. Wiley A. is a physician now living in Cantril, Van Buren county, Iowa. He served as hospital steward with the Tenth Iowa Infantry during the Civil war. Elizabeth R., the youngest of the family, died in 1864.

In early life Isaac D. Jones was handicapped by lameness, suffering, in 1845, from an illness which left him a cripple so that he has since used a crutch and cane. He has never allowed this, however, to retard his energy and laudable ambition, his dominant qualities, but has wisely used every opportunity that has come to him for the advancement of his interests. He continued to reside in Jefferson county until 1855, when he went to Missouri where he spent three years. He then returned to Fairfield in 1858 and, having determined to make the practice of law his life work, became a student in one of the law offices in this city. His further preliminary reading secured his admission to the bar in 1860 and he has since practiced here, being today the oldest representative of the legal profession in Fairfield. He has displayed marked ability in handling his cases which he always prepares with profound care, and his work in the courts has altogether been of an important character. From time to time as opportunity has offered he has made judicious investment in real estate and has bought, sold and traded considerable property. He still has good holdings in Fairfield and from this derives a substantial annual income.

On the 11th of December, 1856, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Rachel E. Young, who was born in Johnson county, Indiana, January 7, 1830, and was brought to Jefferson county in 1853 by her parents, Joseph and Mary (Moore) Young, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Jones are: Anna M., who is the widow of Fred Moore and resides in Colorado Springs, Colorado; Kate M., an abstractor of titles occupying offices with her father; Elizabeth R., who has been a national organizer with the Young Women's Christian Association for a number of years and is now located at Bisbee, Arizona; Effie M., the wife of Frank C. Brown, a farmer of Greeley, Colorado; and Frank H., a traveling salesman residing at Waterloo, Iowa.

In politics Mr. Jones has always been an active supporter of democratic principles. He served as postmaster of Fairfield under President Johnson and was also mayor of the city for one term. He filled the office of deputy treasurer, collector and recorder for three years, being chosen to the position upon the creation of that office in 1851. He has long been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has been honored with the presidency of the Historical Society of Jefferson county since its organization. His has been a well spent life and in many respects his service has been of signal usefulness and benefit to the county of his adoption. His influence has ever been found on the side of improvement and progress and in passing judgment upon vital questions he brings to their consideration the analytical power of the lawyer and the logical deductions of the judge.

JOHN H. BOOS.

John H. Boos, one of the worthy native sons of Jefferson county, is actively and successfully identified with its business interests. He conducts a mercantile establishment at Lockridge, in partnership with his brother. His birth occurred in Lockridge township, in September, 1867, his parents being John and Louisa (Shuppy) Boos; the former a native of France, and the latter of Pennsylvania. John Boos crossed the Atlantic to the United States, and, in 1855, located in Jefferson county, Iowa, purchasing a farm in Lockridge township, which he cleared and improved. The further development and cultivation of that property claimed his attention until 1897, when he sold the place and bought a small farm near Fairfield, operating the same until called to his final rest on the 22d of March, 1905. His demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had gained an extensive circle of friends during the half century of his



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residence in this county. His widow has attained the age of seventy-one years, and still resides on the old home place, near Fairfield.

John H. Boos was reared and educated in his native township, pursuing his studies in the district schools. He remained on the home farm until thirty-two years of age; he then devoted his attention to the cultivation of rented land for two years. On the expiration of that period, he purchased a tract of one hundred and forty acres in Round Prairie township, being engaged in its operation for two years, after which he rented the place and worked as a farm hand for five years. At the end of that time, Mr. Boos came to Lockridge and embarked in mercantile business in association with his brother. Ever since, he has conducted an establishment of this character with gratifying success. The brothers carry a large and well selected line of goods at reasonable prices. Always aiming to please their patrons, their trade has steadily grown.

In November, 1900, Mr. Boos was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Graf, a daughter of John and Louisa (Snyder) Graf, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father emigrated to America at an early day and took up his abode in Jefferson county, Iowa, here following general agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life. He passed away in May, 1911, but is still survived by his widow, who still resides on the old home place. In 1901, our subject was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, whose demise occurred in October of that year.

Mr. Boos gives his political allegiance to the republican party, and has served as assessor of Lockridge township. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Lutheran church. He has remained a resident of Jefferson county from his birth to the present time; and enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

GUSTAVUS A. FLINSPACH.

A well improved and valuable farm of eighty acres in Buchanan township pays tribute to the care and attention bestowed upon it by Gustavus A. Flinspach who throughout his entire lifetime has made his home in this section of the county. He was born in this township on the 5th of May, 1873, a son of Lawrence and Caroline (Schmetsnigler) Flinspach. His parents, who were born and reared in Germany, came to the United States at an early day and were married in Fairfield, Iowa, where they continued to make their home throughout the remainder of their lives. The father, who followed agriculture as an occupation, owned a good farm in Buchanan township, and to its cultivation and improvement he

gave his attention until his death, on the 5th of September, 1879, when his son, G. A. Flinspach, was but six years of age. The mother came to America on the 1st of September, 1855, and after remaining in New York until the spring of 1856, came to Iowa and on the 14th of April of that year gave her hand in marriage to Lawrence Flinspach. "Grandma" Flinspach, as she was familiarly called, was well known in this section of the county, where she was held in the highest regard by all with whom she came in contact. She continued to reside on the old homestead until about two years prior to her demise, when she went to the home of her son Martin, where her death occurred. She long survived her husband, passing away on the 10th of January, 1908, at the age of seventy-three years, seven months and fourteen days. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Flinspach there were fourteen children but the two eldest died in infancy. The others are as follows: Mary, the wife of John Kann, of Buchanan township; Hannah, who married Thomas Thompson, of Burlington, Iowa; Anna, who wedded John Diers, of this township; Martin C. and Fred L., also residents of Buchanan township; Lucy, the wife of Alex Gordon, of Lincoln, Nebraska; Albert, deceased; Minnie, who married P. L. Gordon, of Spokane, Washington; G. A., of this review; Edward C., of Center township; Frank T., of Buchanan township; and Robert C., of Center township.

Reared amid the activities of rural life, Gustavus A. Flinspach spent the period of his boyhood and youth in the usual manner of country lads, attending the district schools in the winter months and assisting in the work of the home farm during the summer seasons, early becoming familiar with the various phases of agriculture. Lessons concerning the value of industry, economy and determination were instilled into his mind and proved the foundation upon which his later prosperity was based. Upon attaining his majority he wisely chose the occupation to which he had been reared as a life work. He has since concentrated his time and energies upon agricultural pursuits and is now the owner of eighty acres located on section 10, Buchanan township, Jefferson county, and also forty acres of pasture land on section 17. The home place is well improved and through his close application and wise management he has been able to greatly enhance its value so that today it is one of the desirable properties of the locality.

Mr. Flinspach was married, on the 3d of October, 1906, to Miss Bertha R. Coop, who was born in Penn township, Jefferson county, on the 13th of March, 1877, a daughter of Lafayette and Cynthia (Spencer) Coop. The parents are now residents of Penn township, making their home upon the farm on which the father was born. Mrs. Flinspach holds membership in the Christian church of Penn township, the teachings of which have

ever formed the guiding influences of her life. Mr. Flinspach gives his political support to the democratic party but he has never sought nor desired public office. He early learned the lesson that success must be purchased at the price of earnest, well defined labor, and as the years have gone by his record has been one of indefatigable effort, close application and intelligent direction. He is well known in Buchanan township, within whose borders his entire life has been spent, and the fact that he is held in high regard by all who know him is indicative of his many excellent qualities of heart and mind.

DANIEL V. CARLBORG.

Daniel V. Carlborg, who for twenty-seven years has been engaged in farming in Lockbridge township, is one of the many thrifty, enterprising citizens Sweden has furnished Iowa. His natal day was the 23d of November, 1845, his parents being Karl and Lena Elizabeth (Peterson) Carlborg, who passed away in their native country in 1884, the father having devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits.

The first thirty-five years of Daniel V. Carlborg's life were spent in his native land, where after completing his schooling he worked out by the month. Realizing the futility of his efforts to attain his ambition, while the best years of his life, the period of achievement, were passing, America seemed to him the only solution of the problem, so he took passage for the United States in the spring of 1880, first locating in Newton, Illinois, where he spent the summer working on the railroad. On Christmas day of the same year he came to Jefferson county and for two years thereafter he worked as a farm hand. At the expiration of that time he again started westward, Oregon being his destination on this occasion. He remained in that state for eighteen months then returned to Jefferson county where he was married and immediately thereafter began his independent career as an agriculturist. During the succeeding ten years he farmed as a renter, his energy and thrift, abetted by his wife's capable management of the household affairs, enabling him to acquire the necessary capital to become a property owner. He invested his capital in forty acres of unimproved land, erecting upon it a house and barn and the necessary outbuildings. His unceasing industry and intelligence in the direction of his affairs brought him the remuneration that later made it possible for him to increase his holdings by the addition of another twenty acres. He has ever since resided upon this place, which he is still operating in connection with an additional twenty acres that he rents. Mr. Carlborg has always given his

personal supervision to the operation of his fields and the care of his crops, his efforts being rewarded by abundant harvests.

On the 25th of June, 1884, Mr. Carlborg was married to Miss Carrie Farman, a daughter of John P. and Margaret (Peterson) Farman, also natives of Sweden. The father, who was a tailor by trade, emigrated from his native land to Iowa during the pioneer days, first locating in Henry county. In 1846 he came to Jefferson county, entering some government land in Lockbridge township, in the operation of which he assiduously applied his energies until his demise on the 10th of March, 1911. The mother passed away in 1883. To Mr. and Mrs. Carlborg there have been born four children, two of whom died in infancy. Those living are, Bertha V., who is now twenty-three years old and at home with her parents and John Clarence H., who is twenty-one years of age.

The family manifest their religious views through their affiliation with the Methodist Episcopal church, and politically Mr. Carlborg is a republican, but does not actively participate in township affairs, giving his undivided attention to his own interests. During the thirty-one years of his residence in the United States, Mr. Carlborg has never had reason to regret the transference of his allegiance to this republic. He has encountered hardships and disappointments, discouragements and misfortune, but these have been overshadowed by his successes, and today he is an independent landowner with an ample competence and enjoys the respect of the entire community in which he resides.

THOMAS S. LAUGHLIN.

Few men in Locust Grove township, Jefferson county, are more highly esteemed for the services which they have rendered their community in the interests of both its economic and educational advancement than is Thomas S. Laughlin, who resides on the farm where he was born, on section 14, of Locust Grove township, on April 9, 1843. His father, Harvey P. Laughlin, was born in Logan county, Tennessee, in the year 1809, his parents being of Irish descent. He married Eliza Catharine Newman, who was born in Knox county, Tennessee, September 9, 1817, being a descendant of German ancestry. Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin removed to Illinois and settled in Coles county, where they lived for seven years. In 1842 they came to Jefferson county, Iowa, establishing their home in Locust Grove township on section 14, a tract of land of three hundred and seven acres which they entered from the government. This farm the father continued to cultivate until his death, December 20, 1887. His wife survived him

until 1901, when she passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George W. Ball, of Fairfield, Iowa. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey P. Laughlin, namely: A. W., residing in Odessa, Missouri; William M., of Oklahoma; Thomas S.; Sarah J., the wife of W. W. Whittaker, of Fairfield, Iowa; Margaret, the wife of George W. Ball, also of Fairfield; Mary C., the wife of James Hayden, of Eldon, Iowa; Floyd K., a farmer of Locust Grove township; and Blanch, deceased, who was the wife of W. G. Burkhardt, of Fairfield, Iowa.

Thomas S. Laughlin acquired his education in the rural schools near his home and later attended Axline's Academy at Fairfield and followed the profession of school-teaching, securing a position as assistant professor at Brookville, Iowa, when nineteen years of age. Subsequently he taught school at Abingdon, Batavia, and other places for a period of ten years, devoting his summers to agricultural pursuits on his father's farm. At the age of thirty-one years he bought from his father a part of the old homestead, buying the remainder of the estate at the death of his father. In 1892 he took possession of the old family residence on the place and has lived there ever since. He is an industrious worker, progressive in his methods, finding pleasure and inspiration in the invigorating life of the man who works in the fields. His farm of four hundred and five acres is situated on sections fourteen and fifteen and is one of the finest in the county. Here Mr. Laughlin and his two sons devote their efforts to the improvement of the land and also to raising a high grade of stock, making a specialty of breeding full blooded Percheron mares.

The marriage of Mr. Laughlin and Miss Elizabeth C. Warwick, daughter of Samuel Scott and Nancy Gray (Brooks) Warwick, occurred on October 21, 1874. Mrs. Laughlin's parents were born near Hamilton, in Butler county, Ohio, the father being a farmer by occupation. Prior to their marriage they came west in 1846, locating in Locust Grove township, after Mr. Warwick had made a careful survey of Jefferson county, Iowa, in order to decide upon a suitable place for settling. He cultivated the soil for fourteen years, passing away in Missouri, July 25, 1860, at the age of about thirty years. His wife survived him forty years, departing this life at the home of Thomas S. Laughlin in April, 1900. The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Laughlin are: Mary J., the wife of F. E. Robb, of Girard, Kansas; William A., of Fairfield, Iowa; and Joseph, a resident of Los Angeles, California. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin eight children were born: Grace, who married Edward Abraham, a ranchman in California, and died in March, 1899, leaving two small children, Vida and Frances; Bessie, who became the second wife of Edward Abraham and they have two children, Meta and Constance; Russell, who married Mattie Barr and operates a farm adjoining his father's, and has three

children, Pauline, Margaret and Baby Barr; Meta, the wife of Oren Fordyce, a farmer of Des Moines township and also the twin sister of Merwin, living at home with his parents; Mary, who died at the age of one year; Lawrence, who is attending Parson's College at Fairfield, Iowa, where he is taking the scientific course, being a member of the class of 1912; and Maurice, who is attending a business college at Burlington, Iowa.

In his political sympathies Mr. Laughlin is an ardent democrat and has served as assessor for three years. He has also acted as school director for a long continued term. He and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church of Locust Grove township, being among the most helpful and earnest workers of its congregation. All that Mr. Laughlin now owns has been acquired by his own unremitting efforts and in the enjoyment of a comfortable competence he finds the reward with which faithful service is crowned.

JOHN G. W. SMITH.

John G. W. Smith, deceased, up to the time of his death one of the important and substantial citizens of Jefferson county, was for many years successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was born in Harrison county, Ohio, February 22, 1825, a son of Jacob Smith. After a brief education in the rural schools of his native locality, Mr. Smith learned the stone mason's trade. He lived with his parents until he attained his majority, when he left the parental roof in Ohio and came to Iowa where he made his home with Enos Ellmaker, taking up anything in the line of work that promised a fair return. At the time of his marriage he embarked in agriculture, buying forty acres of land where the present homestead now stands. Thereafter he made further purchases from time to time until he had increased his holdings to two hundred acres. Of Dutch descent on his father's side and Irish ancestry on his mother's, he combined the best qualities of the two nationalities—industry and thrift on the one hand and a native wit and alertness for seizing an opportunity on the other—and through his perseverance and unceasing efforts was in time well rewarded with a flourishing farm from which large profits accrued. In the spring of 1850 he set out with an ox team for the gold fields of California and after two years of unusual success in digging gold returned in 1852 and resumed his labors in the fields, sowing and reaping and developing his land. He passed away on June 4, 1900, at the age of seventy-five years, three months and a few days. Prosperous in his work

and a man of unfaltering integrity, Mr. Smith did not only leave his family well provided for, but he also bequeathed them an honored name of which the surviving members of the family may well be proud.

Mr. Smith was twice married, his first union being contracted on May 3, 1849, with Miss Hannah Brown, whose birth occurred September 17, 1829, and who passed away on January 15, 1869, at the age of thirty-nine years, three months and twenty-eight days. The children by this marriage were: George William, born March 12, 1850, who died in Oregon; Diana Elizabeth, born June 5, 1852, the wife of Daniel Albaugh of Polk county, Iowa; Samuel Allison, born September 30, 1856, who died on the home place; Amos Guthry, born March 19, 1858, who lives in Kansas; Emma Cordelia, born April 2, 1866, who is the wife of William Vanausdelt, a farmer in Des Moines township, Jefferson county.

The second marriage of Mr. Smith occurred on June 29, 1869, the union being with Miss Nancy Ann Brown, a cousin of his first wife. She was born in Jefferson county, January 10, 1846, and was a daughter of George W. and Catherine (Fishel) Brown. The father, who was of German parentage and a native of Pennsylvania, was for many years a prosperous farmer. During the latter years of his life he was engaged in operating a sawmill, his wife having died November 20, 1877. He passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Smith, on March 24, 1891. The children by the second marriage were: Mary Etta, deceased, born April 14, 1870; Marion, deceased, born May 1, 1872; Ira, deceased, born October 11, 1873; Ora, deceased, born December 21, 1874; Charles Franklin, born December 4, 1877, and now living with his mother on the home place, married to Miss Mina Goughnour, a daughter of David and Lavina (Haney) Goughnour, the father being engaged in agriculture. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Franklin Smith are the parents of two small children: Mabel Fern, aged five years, attending school district No. 2, Des Moines township; and Lee Russell, aged two years. Mr. Smith is serving his first term as township clerk. The remaining children born to Mr. and Mrs. John G. W. Smith are: a daughter, born October 10, 1876, who died in infancy; Reuben Hayes, born December 22, 1880, who died in North Dakota; another daughter, born February 1, 1882, who died in infancy; and Leonard Ross, born September 7, 1885, a farmer in Des Moines township, who is married to Miss Nellie O. Wagner, a daughter of Joseph and Augusta Wagner, and has three children: Evelyn Marie, aged six years, William Claude, aged three, and Harold Glenn, aged two.

In political circles Mr. John G. W. Smith was an enthusiastic democrat and held the office of township clerk, of trustee, of assessor and of school director of District No. 1, serving in the last named position for a great many years. He was a model citizen and a devoted father, ever faithful

in the performance of his duty. Mrs. Smith is an active worker in the Brethren church, to which her husband also belonged. She is a woman of charming personality highly esteemed throughout the county where she possesses a host of friends.

CAPTAIN BENJAMIN F. CRAIL.

Of the many volunteers that Jefferson county sent to the south during the Civil war, probably none made a more brilliant record or had more thrilling experiences than Captain Benjamin F. Crail, who despite the fact that he received a number of serious wounds, one of which the surgeons pronounced as fatal, remained at the front until the close of hostilities. He is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Beaver county, on March 19, 1828, and is a son of Benjamin and Nancy (Daugherty) Crail. The father, who was a millwright by trade, was born in Pennsylvania, of Scotch extraction, his natal day being in 1793. He participated in the war of 1812, while his father John Crail fought in the Revolutionary war. He subsequently became the owner of a grist mill in Beaver county, in the operation of which he actively engaged until his death in 1846. The mother was born in Ireland in 1798 and in her early childhood came to the United States, where she was reared to womanhood, marrying Mr. Crail in Beaver county. There she continued to make her home after the death of her husband until 1855, when together with her children she removed to Iowa, settling in Jefferson county. She passed away in 1886 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ella Snodgrass, at Winterset, Madison county, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Crail there were born ten sons and daughters: John, Irwin and James D., who are deceased; Benjamin F., our subject; Milton and Mary, both of whom are deceased; Cynthia, of Shenandoah, Iowa; and Ella, Elizabeth and Matilda, who are also deceased.

Reared at home, after the completion of his preliminary education which was obtained in the common schools, Benjamin F. Crail pursued a course in Debts Business College of Pittsburg. Having decided to take up civil engineering for his life vocation he subsequently went to New Cumberland, Virginia, now West Virginia, to study surveying and engineering under John H. Adkinson. In 1852 he took a position as carpenter in the ship yards of Pittsburg, going from there to Freedom, Pennsylvania. Later he signed on as carpenter and mate on a boat on the Ohio, but relinquished his berth in 1859 and came to Fairfield, where his mother was then residing. Soon after his arrival here he purchased an ox team and drove to Colorado, where he remained until the fall of 1860, when he returned to cast his vote

for Abraham Lincoln for president. Mr. J. S. McKemey, then treasurer and recorder of Jefferson county, appointed Mr. Crail his deputy, the duties of this office engaging his attention until the call came for troops when he resigned his position to go to the front. He enlisted on the 20th of August, 1861, in Company F, Third Iowa Volunteer Cavalry, at Fairfield, entering the service in the capacity of a private. His regiment was sent to Missouri, participating almost immediately in engagements and skirmishes at Fulton and Santa Fe, that state. In the latter encounter Captain Crail was thought to be mortally wounded, one bullet having passed entirely through his body in the region of the heart, while another lodged just above that organ. The surgeons pronounced his recovery as impossible, believing that wounds such as his must necessarily prove fatal. He was young, however, and possessed a fine constitution and wonderful recuperative powers, and after spending five months in the hospital was discharged and rejoined his command at Lebanon, Missouri. During the very early days of his enlistment he displayed the courage, resourcefulness and executive ability qualifying him for a more responsible position than that of private, so he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, and at Paris, Missouri, on the 1st of April, 1862, he was made captain. He took part in many battles and skirmishes in southern Missouri, among them being that of Pilot Knob, his company seeing active service every day until they reached the Arkansas line. They were ordered to Little Rock, and driving the confederates before them after some hard fighting took the city. He next joined a raiding party through the southern part of the state, during that time attacking and capturing the towns of Arkadelphia and Mount Ida, and after driving the rebels out of Hot Springs skirmished all the way back to Benton. While at camp in Little Rock, Captain Crail went on a veteran's furlough, reenlisting for three years. During his thirty-day furlough he returned to Fairfield and visited his family, then went to Keokuk from there to St. Louis and on to Memphis, Tennessee. On the 1st of May, 1864, with his command he crossed the river into Arkansas, where they had some pretty sharply contested battles. He was defeated at Guntown, Mississippi, on the 10th of June, 1864, and on the 14th of July, that year, he participated in two days' fighting at Tupelo, Mississippi. On the 19th of December, 1864, his company joined Grierson's raid to Vicksburg, which city they reached on the 6th of January, 1865. They subsequently went to Louisville, Kentucky, from which city they departed on the 19th of March, 1865, via Paducah and up the Tennessee river, on Wilson's raid that finally lead to Atlanta. On the way they participated in the battles of Monta Vala, Oldtown Creek and Selma, as well as the siege of Montgomery, the latter city finally capitulating after a hard struggle. They next went to Columbus, where there was a big battle and on to Macon,

Georgia, on April 21, 1865. At the latter point they received word of Lee's surrender, and remained in camp until April, 22, when they were advised of the assassination of Lincoln. The regiment was then ordered to Atlanta, and there they were mustered out on the 9th of August, 1865. Captain Crail maintains that Wilson's raid would have been one of the biggest things of the war, had it not have happened so near the close of the struggle. When mustered out Captain Crail was suffering from some fresh wounds received at Oldtown Creek, Alabama, where a bullet had shattered the bones of his right arm, while he had also been bayoneted during the battle. He received his discharge at Davenport, Iowa, on the 23d of August, 1865, and returned to Fairfield, suffering severely for more than two years thereafter from his wounds. To conclude his war record we quote from the report of the adjutant general, vol. of Iowa: "On the 24th day of July, 1862, with one hundred men encountered the rebel Porter with his force of about four hundred men strongly posted in the dense brush on the 'Botts' farm in Monroe county. Killed one rebel and wounded many others. Our casualties were, one man killed, Captain B. F. Crail of Company F and nine others wounded. Porter fled south into Callaway whither we pursued.—Also vols. II 1863 and 1867:" On the 31st of March, 1865, Captain Crail led a charge and was wounded with several of his men at Montevallo, Alabama.

Upon his return to civil life he bought a farm in Cedar township, endeavoring to engage in agricultural pursuits. With one of his arms in a sling he hauled the timber cut from forty acres of land into Fairfield, where he sold it. In 1875, he moved into town and erected a residence on the lot where he now lives. As soon as he was able after returning from the war he again took up surveying, continuing to engage in this occupation until the 1st of January, 1911, when his last term as surveyor of Jefferson county expired. He served for several terms as assistant county surveyor and in 1883 was elected to the office of surveyor, which he held for eight years, when he resigned to go to California. Returning to Fairfield in 1898 he was again elected to the same office, continuing to serve in this capacity until his retirement from public life at the age of eighty-three years. At the expiration of his last term he again went to southern California, where he spent the winter of 1911, and has since lived in retirement. Captain Crail has always been one of the foremost figures in the public life of Jefferson county, and has prominently participated in promoting its development.

In 1852, while residing in Pennsylvania, Captain Crail was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte McCaskey, a daughter of the Rev. George McCaskey, of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and to them were born six children: James, a prominent dry-goods merchant of Washington, Iowa;

William H., a retired gold miner of Los Angeles, California; Susan, the wife of E. W. Steele, a retired capitalist of Los Angeles; Robert M., a traveling salesman of Marysville, Missouri; David E., of the firm of D. E. Crail & Co., meat dealers of Fairfield; and Frank A., who is a merchant of Burlington, Iowa. The wife and mother passed away in 1873 and in 1877 Captain Crail married Mrs. Nancy Steel, of this city, who died in 1891. By this marriage were born twin sons, Joseph S. and Charles S., who are engaged in the practice of law in Fairfield under the firm name of Crail & Crail. In 1895, Captain Crail was married to his present wife, whose maiden name was Miss Helen Richardson, a daughter of George Richardson of Fairfield, and they have one daughter, Mary Helen, who will graduate from the high school with the class of 1913.

Both Captain and Mrs. Crail are members of the Christian church and in politics he is a stanch republican. He is one of the highly esteemed citizens of Fairfield, where he has made his home practically ever since the war and is widely known throughout the county. He is a most capable man as his long period of public service attests, having been elected to office and efficiently discharged his responsibilities long after reaching his three score and ten. Success has attended his efforts, because in all of his undertakings he has manifested the intrepidity, foresight and determination of purpose that characterized him on the southern battle fields. Although he always decided with but little deliberation what he desired to do, he never acted impulsively, always following a well conceived plan with a definite purpose in view. Doubtless from the plain where he now stands he sees mistakes he has made, but his life can hold few regrets, as his efforts were always intelligently directed, and he has had the satisfaction of seeing his children grow up into capable men and women, successfully pursuing their various careers.

ERNEST R. WAGONER.

Ernest R. Wagoner, who is successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising on ninety-four acres of land on section 35, of Cedar township, was born in Jackson county, Iowa, on the 27th of February, 1882. He is a son of Daniel and Margaret (Alexander) Wagoner, the father a native of Mercer county, Pennsylvania, of German extraction, and the mother of Dubuque, Iowa, and of Scotch descent. Before the war Daniel Wagoner, who was a carpenter by trade, removed to Iowa, locating in Jackson county, where he resided for forty-five years. After his sons were old enough to be of assistance he engaged in cabinet making at Otter Creek, Jackson

county, the most of his time being devoted to the manufacture of coffins and wood work for buggies. He engaged in this occupation for eighteen or twenty years, then turned his attention to farming. Together with his wife and family he subsequently removed to Van Buren county, settling on a farm near Stockport, where he continued to make his home until death. In the spring of 1911 he went to visit a daughter living on a farm near Knoxville, Iowa, where he was taken ill and passed away on the 27th of May, 1911, at the age of eighty-four years. Following the death of her husband, the mother took up her residence with her son, our subject, with whom she is now living. Of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Wagoner there were born ten children, of whom our subject is the youngest; the others are: Alexander, who is a ranchman in Idaho; Susan, who married John Rudolph, a farmer living at Collette, Iowa; Elizabeth, the wife of Wilson Brown, a farmer near Knoxville, Iowa; Charley, a farmer living a mile west of Stockport; George, who is a resident of Valparaiso, Nebraska, where he engages in contracting; Della, the wife of Lee Ritchie, a farmer near Stockport; Maggie, who married John Taylor, a farmer of Clay Center, Kansas; Emma, the wife of Cyrus Irwin, a cattle buyer and stockman of Maquoketa; and Fred, a manufacturer of cement blocks at Valparaiso, Nebraska.

Reared at home, Ernest R. Wagoner obtained his education in the common schools of Jackson and Van Buren counties, which he attended until he was seventeen years of age. From the time he was old enough to be of assistance he had helped in the work of the farm, and after leaving school his entire attention was given to agricultural pursuits under the supervision of his father. He remained at home until he was twenty-two years of age, having during this period become thoroughly qualified as an agriculturist. In 1904 he began for himself by renting the August Keller farm, which contained a hundred acres, located in Cedar township. The operation of this property proved to be very lucrative, and at the end of a year he was in a position financially to purchase ninety-four acres of land on sections 35 and 26 of the same township. Three years later he erected upon this land a residence and barns and outbuildings, and here he has ever since resided. The cultivation of his fields he devotes almost entirely to such cereals as he can use in the raising and feeding of his stock, to which occupation Mr. Wagoner devotes his careful attention, to such excellent purpose that he is fast becoming to be numbered among the substantial farmers of his community. His endeavors to keep abreast with the most advanced ideas of modern farming are being attended with gratifying results. As he is able he extends the improvements upon his place, which is rapidly becoming supplied with all modern conveniences and accessories for both general farming and stock-raising.

On the 15th of November, 1904, Mr. Wagoner was united in marriage to Miss Mary Keller, a daughter of Anthony and Mary (Droz) Keller, both natives of France. The father, whose natal day was the 22d of February, 1843, emigrated to America when he was eighteen months old. Here he was reared to manhood and educated and was married in Fairfield to Miss Droz. They are now living on a farm in Cedar township. Mrs. Wagoner is the youngest daughter and the fifth in order of birth of the six children born to the parents, the others being: Louis, who is engaged in farming in Lexington, Nebraska; August, who is at home; Edward, a farmer near Birmingham, Iowa, who married Iva Walker; Millie, the wife of Samuel King, a farmer of Cedar township; and John, who is the sixth in order of birth, a farmer of Cedar township. Mr. and Mrs. Wagoner are the parents of four children: Margaret, who is six years old and attending school in the home district; Ernest, four years of age; Mabel, who looks forward to her fourth birthday; and Freddie, the baby of eighteen months.

Fraternally Mr. Wagoner was formerly identified with the Knights of Pythias of Stockport, and his wife with the Pythian Sisters, while his political allegiance is given to the men and measures he deems best qualified to serve the majority. He is one of the enterprising and progressive young farmers of the county, whose success seems to be assured.

E. F. SIMMONS.

E. F. Simmons is actively connected with a profession which has important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of every community and one which has long been considered as conserving the ends of justice and maintaining individual rights. He entered upon the practice of law in Fairfield in 1885 and in the intervening period, covering more than a quarter of a century, has built up a reputation such as is gained only by individual merit and ability attested in the actual work of the courts.

Mr. Simmons is one of Jefferson county's native sons, his birth having occurred near Brookville, March 10, 1855. His parents were W. L. S. and Sarah (Weaver) Simmons, both natives of Clermont county, Ohio, the former born January 10, 1822, and the latter January 31, 1825. On the 1st of May, 1842, Mr. Simmons arrived in Jefferson county, Iowa, long prior to the admission of the state into the Union, entering land in Locust Grove township, after which he returned to his native state and in Clermont county married Sarah Weaver. The return journey to Ohio was made on horseback and the winter was passed in Illinois. He had to work

untiringly and diligently in order to get enough capital with which to establish his home and make a start in life. The marriage of the parents was celebrated in 1849, after which they journeyed westward to Iowa. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made on the place when it came into possession of Mr. Simmons but with untiring energy he undertook the task of breaking the sod and converting the wild lands into fields. He resided upon the farm near Brookville until April, 1861, when he again went to Clermont county, Ohio, where he remained until the spring of 1863. Once more he came to Jefferson county and was thereafter actively engaged in farming until 1896, when, with a comfortable competence acquired through years of earnest and persistent toil, he retired from business life to take up his abode in Fairfield, where his death occurred July 5, 1901. He had been more or less prominent in the public life of the community and in 1875 had been elected to represent his district in the state legislature as the candidate of the republican party. He held membership in the Methodist church and his influence was ever on the side of right, progress, reform and improvement. Not only did he witness a remarkable transformation in the county from the period of his first arrival until his death but was also an active participant in the labors and changes that brought the county up to a leading position among the foremost counties of this great commonwealth. Unto him and his wife were born seven children: E. F.; C. W., living in Plateau City, Colorado; Sarah B., a resident of Utah; Nancy W., of Chicago, and three that died in infancy.

E. F. Simmons has spent his entire life in Jefferson county with the exception of the brief period from 1861 until 1863, when the family were living in Ohio. His youthful days were spent upon the home farm and here he became familiar with the task of cultivating the fields and caring for the crops. After his public school education supplemented by study in Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant, he took up the study of law in the office and under the direction of Leggett & McKemey, attorneys of Fairfield, who directed his reading until he was admitted to practice on the 9th of December, 1885, by the supreme court of the State of Iowa. In December, 1896, he formed a partnership with his preceptor, J. S. McKemey, which continued four years, after which he contracted a partnership with H. C. Raney that continued until Mr. Raney's death in 1910. He is well versed in the principles of law and is seldom if ever at fault in the application of a legal principle or in the citation of a precedent. He prepares his cases with great thoroughness and skill and marshals the evidence with the precision of a military commander, never losing sight of any point that bears upon the case and at the same time always keeping to the fore the important point upon which every question finally turns. He has filled the office of county attorney for four years, having been first elected

in 1895. On the 1st of January, 1896, he became city solicitor and filled that office four years, at the end of which time his record received public indorsement in his reelection in the spring of 1911.

On the 12th of August, 1891, Mr. Simmons was married to Miss Geneva M. McCoid, of Logan, Iowa, a daughter of James McCoid, and they now have five children, Beverly F., James M. and William W., twins, Edgar L. and Margaret. Mr. Simmons is giving his children good educational privileges and is a warm friend of the public schools. He has served for three terms, or nine years, as a member of the school board and has done much to advance the standard of education in Fairfield. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. His life has been well spent and his record is as an open book which all may read. The comrades of his youth remain the friends of his manhood and the circle of his friendship continually broadens as the circle of his acquaintance is extended.

WILLIAM H. BATES.

Agricultural pursuits have characterized the efforts of William H. Bates throughout his entire business career, and that his labors have been effective forces in the attainment of prosperity is indicated by the neat and well improved condition of his farming property. He is one of Jefferson county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Cedar township on the 11th of April, 1851. His parents were Ephraim and Mary Ann (George) Bates; the former born in Oxford, Ohio, and the latter on the state line near Union, Indiana. They were married in Indiana, and, in 1846, came to Jefferson county, Iowa, locating on a farm in Cedar township upon which their remaining days were spent. The father carried on general farming, to which occupation his entire life had been devoted. The subject of this review was second in order of birth in a family of eight children, the others being as follows: Jerry, deceased; Eliza A., the wife of J. J. Hutchinson, of Center township; Perry O., a resident of Buchanan township; James K., residing at Tekamah, Nebraska; Emma, who married C. J. Sperry, of Brown county, South Dakota; Ollie, who passed away at the age of fourteen years; and Ed, of Buchanan township.

No event of special importance came to vary the routine of life for William H. Bates during the period of his boyhood and youth, which was passed amid the scenes and environment of rural life. Through the assistance he rendered his father in the work of the home farm, he gained valuable experience concerning the various branches of agriculture, and he continued to make his home with his parents until the time of his mar-

riage, when about twenty-seven years of age. For about six years previous to that event, however, he had been employed by others in the locality of his home, working out by the month, and then he began farming on his own account, taking up his abode upon his present place. His first purchase consisted of sixty acres of raw prairie land, to the improvement of which he at once gave his undivided attention. After breaking the sod, he converted the tract into cultivable fields, planted the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, and, from early spring until late fall, labored unceasingly in the further development of his property, which, under his careful management, was soon brought under a good state of cultivation. As a direct result of unfaltering industry and unfailing perseverance, prosperity came to him in his undertaking, and, as success attended his efforts, he added to his original purchase, until today his farm consists of one hundred and ninety acres of land, located on sections 12 and 13, Center township, comprising one of the well improved properties of the locality.

Mr. Bates has been married twice. In 1878, he wedded Miss Eva Carter, a native of Illinois, who passed away in 1884, leaving one son, Ernest, now engaged in farming in Buchanan township. For his second wife he chose Miss Ella Davis, a native of Pennsylvania, whom he married in 1887, and unto this union have been born four children, namely: Jesse, who passed away at the age of three years; Ralph and Leslie, both at home; and Willard, whose death also occurred when he was three years of age. The religious belief of Mr. Bates is indicated by his membership in the Christian church at Fairfield; in politics, he supports the principles of the democratic party. He is now serving as township trustee. He has held various road and school offices, and in all of his public work has proven himself a champion of material, intellectual and moral progress, recognizing that each has its place in the scheme of the world. His labors, therefore, have served as an element of growth along all those lines, so that, today, he is regarded as one of Jefferson county's valued and representative citizens.

WILLIAM WALTER STEWART.

William Walter Stewart has been a resident of Round Prairie township, Jefferson county, since his birth which occurred September 2, 1863. When six months of age he was adopted by William W. and Rebecca (Right) Stewart, the former being a native of Maryland and the latter of Kentucky. William W. Stewart, Sr., came to Jefferson county in 1837.



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accompanying his parents who entered land from the government and thereafter were associated with agricultural interests in this vicinity. At his marriage he received from his father a gift of sixty acres of land which he cleared and improved, adding to this tract by subsequent purchases until he owned in all three hundred and seventy acres. With characteristic energy and industry he improved the land, enhancing its value greatly, and in 1886 retired. He resides with his son, the subject of this review, being still in fair health and good spirits at the advanced age of ninety years. His wife died in January, 1909, having also been granted the heritage of sound health and the enjoyment of a long life.

Before his adoption W. W. Stewart possessed the name of Right, his father being a brother of Mrs. Stewart, his foster mother. Mrs. Right, whose maiden name was Maria Ball, was, like her husband, a native of Kentucky. Coming to Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1836, during the progress of the Civil war, Mr. Right enlisted in the army, taking part in Sherman's famous march to the sea. At the close of the war he returned to Jefferson county. He farmed here for a time and on marrying again made his residence in Illinois, where he remained until the death of his wife, in 1886. Thereupon he returned to Iowa and devoted himself to the cultivation of the soil on a farm near Des Moines, where he made his home until 1899.

Tenderly nurtured under the devoted guidance of his foster parents, W. W. Stewart was educated in the schools of Jefferson county and was reared to manhood on the farm, becoming thoroughly familiar with the problems involved in agricultural pursuits. He never left the home place and in 1909 received by deed from William Washington Stewart, Sr., the latter's farm of three hundred and seventy acres. This he has operated with much success and has made many improvements, erecting more commodious buildings and new fences. He is practical in his methods and employs the best machinery, believing that the most modern equipment will produce the best results. To his raising of live stock he devotes especial attention and annually ships about one hundred head of hogs, feeds sixty head of cattle and keeps twenty horses.

On January 5, 1882, Mr. Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Sadie C. Barton, a daughter of Thomas C. and Elizabeth (Harshbarger) Barton, natives of Kentucky, the family being of German lineage. Mrs. Stewart's father came to Henry county, Iowa, in anti-bellum days and here purchased a farm of one hundred and forty acres which he has cultivated uninterruptedly since that time, meeting with much success in his work. His wife passed away in December, 1910. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, of whom four died in infancy. The others are: Maude, the wife of John F. Davis, residing in Memphis, Missouri; Bessie, the wife

of Charles Sturgiss, a farmer of Round Prairie township; Minnie, the wife of Walter Bower, likewise a farmer of Round Prairie township; Elsie, who married John Sharp and resides with her father; Maysel, the wife of Fred Briggs, a carpenter by trade, also residing on the home place; and W. Terence, living at home. Mr. Stewart and his family are members of the Free Methodist church of Fairfield, Iowa, being earnest and helpful workers in advancing the interests of their congregation. In his political affiliations he votes with the republicans and has held various offices. At present he is one of the county supervisors and has also served as trustee and clerk of Round Prairie township. He is a man of genial disposition, big hearted and generous toward all, and honorable in every relation in life.

SYLVESTER BURK BISHOP.

Sylvester Burk Bishop, a resident of Liberty township, is the owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and twenty acres on sections 22 and 23. It was in this township that he was born on the 8th of April, 1847, his parents being John and Mary E. (Huffman) Bishop, who were pioneer residents of this section of Iowa and witnesses of almost the entire growth and development of the state. The father was a native of Virginia, coming here at a very early age and spending the remainder of his life in this locality. His wife was the first white child born in Van Buren county. In their family were seven children: Talbott, of Libertyville; Sylvester B.; Ann, the wife of Samuel Berry, of Culbertson, Montana; Robert, who died at the age of forty-seven years, leaving a widow and four daughters; Dr. Carl Bishop, a practicing physician of Glasgow, Iowa; Mary, the wife of Harl Hubledal, of Rock Island, Illinois; and Emma, who was the twin sister of Mary and died in infancy.

Sylvester B. Bishop was reared upon the old home farm, acquiring his education in the common schools and aiding in the work of the fields through the summer months and after his school days were over. He continued with his father until twenty-four years of age and then went to Custer county, Idaho, where he spent four years, being employed as an amalgamator in the Custer Mills. On the expiration of that period he returned to Iowa and three years later, on the 10th of March, 1888, was united in marriage to Miss Emma Healde, a native of Liberty township, and a daughter of John and Malinda (Grammer) Healde, both of whom are now deceased. The young couple began their domestic life upon a rented farm in Liberty township and for six years Mr. Bishop continued to cultivate land that he

leased. He then purchased his present property comprising two hundred acres, constituting a valuable tract on sections 22 and 23. He and his brother, Dr. Carl Bishop, are administrators for their father's estate of three hundred and twenty-six acres and they have sold forty acres which was formerly a part of the father's property. Mr. Bishop is a progressive agriculturist and the farm which he owns has been well improved by him. He has added all the equipments and accessories of a model property of the twentieth century, utilizing the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields, while large barns and outbuildings furnish ample shelter for men and stock. The fact that his place is known as the Long View Stock Farm indicates that stock-raising is the principal feature of the farm. He has extensively engaged in feeding both cattle and hogs and also breeds horses, having two stallions, both a draft and roadster. Upon his place at present he has thirty-two head of high grade horses. The water supply of the place is furnished by two fine springs which are seemingly inexhaustible. Mr. Bishop also has a silo thirty-two feet high and eighteen feet in diameter. Everything about his place indicates his progressive spirit. He fed last year three carloads of cattle and one of hogs and his annual sales of stock bring him a good return. He is interested in the Farmers' Elevator Company at Libertyville and also in the Eldon Fair, together with the fairgrounds at Fairfield. He is regarded as a progressive business man, unfaltering in the accomplishment of what he undertakes, and thoroughly reliable in all trade transactions.

As the years have passed seven children have been added to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, Healde Judson, Mabel Cleo, Florence, Sherman, Clarence, Charles and Margaret. The daughter Mabel has for the past seven years been successfully engaged in teaching school. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Libertyville and Mr. Bishop is a republican in his political views but has never sought or desired office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs which, carefully conducted, have brought him substantial and well merited success.

VICTOR SWANSON.

A highly improved and well cultivated farm of two hundred and forty acres in Lockridge township pays tribute to the agricultural skill of Victor Swanson, who has been engaged in general farming and stock-raising in Jefferson county for the past thirty-one years. He was born in Sweden on March 21, 1849, and is a son of Oliver and Catherine (Erickson) Swanson, who were born, reared and married in the old country. Mr. Swanson en-

gaged in farming in his native land until 1852, when together with his wife and family he emigrated to the United States, locating in Jefferson county. Upon his arrival here he invested a portion of his limited capital in forty acres of government land in Lockridge township, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their days. He erected a few crude buildings to suffice for the immediate needs of his family and as a protection for his stock when he began clearing and cultivating his land. He was an industrious man and applied himself with unremitting energy to the improvement of his farm, his efforts being abetted by the thrift his wife practiced in the management of the household affairs. As time passed he was able to extend his holdings, increasing the value of his place by the erection of better buildings and the development of his fields. Here he passed away in February, 1887, while the mother survived until July, 1899.

Fifty-nine years have elapsed since, a child of two years, Victor Swanson emigrated to the United States with his parents. He was reared on the farm where he is now residing, obtaining his education in the district schools of Lockridge township. While engaged in the mastery of the elementary branches of English learning he was being trained in the tilling of the fields and care of the crops, having begun to assist his father when little more than a child. When he was a lad of twelve years the entire responsibility of the cultivation of the farm and support of the family devolved upon him, his father being helpless with rheumatism and his elder brother away at the war, where he served for four years with Bissell's engineers. Nothing daunted he resolutely assumed the duties necessity forced upon him, the determination that has ever characterized his actions enabling him to meet the requirements of the situation. At the age of twenty-one years Mr. Swanson left the parental roof westward bound and located in Omaha where for ten years he worked for the Union Pacific Railroad Company. At the expiration of that period he returned home and bought the old farm on which he has ever since resided. He has worked with the indefatigable energy and definite purpose that invariably bring success, so intelligently directing his efforts, that he has been able to increase his holdings from time to time, until he now has two hundred and forty acres of as highly cultivated and well improved land as is to be found in that section of the county. His homestead bears little resemblance to the place where he spent his boyhood, the old log buildings having given way to large, substantially constructed barns and outbuildings providing ample shelter for both stock and farming implements, while his residence is both comfortable and convenient in its arrangements.

On the 28th of August, 1875, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Swanson and Miss Ida Sophia Lakestrom, a daughter of Martin and Anna (Johnson) Lakestrom, also natives of Sweden. The father, who was a car-

penter in the old country, emigrated to the United States with his wife and family settling in Jefferson county. After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Swanson the old people made their home with them for a time but later went to Burlington, where Mr. Lakestrom passed away in September, 1886. Soon after Mr. Lakestrom's demise his widow came to live with Mrs. Swanson and continued to make her home with her daughter until her death on the 20th of July, 1896. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Swanson: Eva, the deceased wife of the Rev. J. J. Jones, who passed away in Colorado on the 21st of May, 1891; Stella, who married J. A. Anderson, a farmer of Nebraska; Charles, who is living at home; Clara, who passed away on December 30, 1895; and William, who is at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Swanson hold membership in the Lutheran church, and politically he is a republican. He has always taken an active interest in affairs of the township, particularly those of an educational nature, having served for many years as a school director, while for ten years he was president of the board. In addition to his fine homestead Mr. Swanson is a stockholder and director of the Lockridge Savings Bank, and for ten years he was president of the Four Corners Creamery Company. He is one of the highly esteemed and respected men of Lockridge township, whose success is recognized as the well merited reward of capably and intelligently directed effort.

MONTGOMERY LA TOURETTE.

Montgomery La Tourette, who operates a farm of one hundred and fifty-four acres in Locust Grove township, is one of the more recent acquisitions among the residents of Jefferson county having lived here little more than half a dozen years. He is descended from an old Huguenot family and traced his lineage back to the Count and Countess de La Tourette who lived in splendor in an old chateau in La Vendee at the time of the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. The count learning that his name was on the list of the proscribed ones and that it would fare sorely with him if he attempted to escape was forced to use much ingenuity to devise a plan whereby he might secure his safety. Accordingly he invited all the neighboring gentry to a levee at his chateau and when the gayety was at its height he and the countess made their escape, under cover of the night, going on foot to the sea where a vessel bound for Charleston lay at anchor. On this they embarked, taking with them only the family jewels and a Huguenot Bible, and in 1693 landed at Staten Island, New York. Montgomery La Tourette was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, November 15, 1846.

The grandfather, John La Tourette, a weaver by occupation, was a native of New York state where he lived until middle life when he came west and settled in Ohio and later in Indiana. His death occurred near Covington, Fountain county, Indiana. The father, Garrett La Tourette, was a native of Germantown, Ohio, where he was reared, and when grown to manhood became a steam engineer. He was united in marriage to Margaret Ann Sherry, who was of Irish descent and was born in Indiana. They were the parents of three children: Montgomery, the subject of this biography; Henry, a carpenter in Benton county, Iowa; and Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of John Heath. In 1851 the father, Garrett La Tourette, died near La Fayette, Indiana, and three years later, in 1854, his widow and the children came with relatives to Iowa, making their home in Benton county. There Mrs. La Tourette entered upon a second marriage, the union being with William Cline, a farmer, by whom she had one child, Albert Cline who is engaged in agriculture at Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Montgomery La Tourette attended school in Benton county, Iowa, and afterwards assisted with the work of tilling the fields on the home place. He then bought a farm adjoining his mother's and developed this devoting himself especially to the raising of grain which he shipped in large quantities to the local market. In 1895 he sold out this farm and bought another in Van Buren county, Iowa, which he operated until 1902, situated east of Birmingham. He then removed his family to Jefferson county, Iowa, and established his home on the old Daniel Warner farm in Center township, remaining there until March 1, 1911, when he bought the tract of land on which he lives at the present time, one hundred and fifty-four acres in Locust Grove township. Here he is engaged in the various lines of general farming and also raises a good grade of stock, feeding grain and hay which he raises. The farm includes fifteen acres of timber land of considerable value.

For his helpmate Mr. La Tourette chose Miss Sarah E. Carver to whom he was married on June 12, 1879. On her mother's side she was descended from an old colonial family, the great-grandmother having been a native of Virginia where the Deans were of much importance in the early part of the nineteenth century. They were planters and large property owners employing many slaves on their land freeing them, however, long before the Civil war broke out. The grandfather of Mrs. La Tourette, James Carver, was born in America of English parents and came from Pennsylvania to Franklin county, Ohio where he was engaged in tilling the soil. Her father, Thomas Carver, was a farmer born in Franklin county, Ohio, who came to Iowa as one of the pioneer settlers of Linn county. He enlisted in Company I, Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served two years when he was taken ill with typhoid fever and passed away in the

spring of 1864, at New Orleans. Mrs. La Tourette's mother was Elizabeth A. Dean before her marriage. A native of Ohio, she was married in Linn county, Iowa, and now lives with her granddaughter, Leta Carver, in Benton county, Iowa. There were four children in the Carver family: Sarah, now Mrs. La Tourette; John Franklin, who died in infancy; Tabitha Jane, the wife of E. H. Skinner of Birmingham, Iowa, whom she married when a widow, a former marriage having taken place with George Reynolds of Wapello county, who died in 1904; and Thomas A., an editor at Conception Junction, Missouri, whose present wife is a Mrs. Hodgen, his former wife, who was Ella Dixon, having died twenty-four years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. La Tourette are the parents of four children: Schuyler, a farmer at Canby, Oregon, who is married to Lena Erickson, a daughter of Charles Erickson, and has one child, Dwight; Clifford C., who lives at home with his parents; Fred, who is a farmer in North Dakota; and Mary, a pupil in the Fairfield high school. Mr. La Tourette and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Fairfield, and he is connected with the Masonic order having joined the Benton City Lodge, No. 181, A. F. & A. M., at Shellsburg, while his daughter Mary belongs to the Rebecca Lodge of Batavia. In politics his sympathies are with the democratic party and the principles for which it stands, but at elections he is not fettered by blind partisanship, preferring to exercise his own judgment in regard to the candidate whom he chooses to support with his vote. Large in his views and unopinionated, Mr. La Tourette stands for the type of citizenship of which our body politics is in crying need—the open-minded man who can think for himself and has the moral stamina to abide by his convictions.

CARL S. BISHOP, M. D.

Dr. Carl S. Bishop, who for more than seventeen years has been successfully engaged in the practice of medicine in Glasgow, was born in Van Buren county, this state, on October, 21, 1864, a son of John and Mary (Huffman) Bishop. His father was a native of Virginia, his birth occurring there in 1826, while the mother, whose natal day was in 1835, was the first white child born in Van Buren county. In 1850, when he was twenty-four years of age, John Bishop removed from Ohio to Iowa, locating in Van Buren county, where he followed the carpenter's trade and also engaged in farming. He subsequently acquired the title to two hundred acres of unimproved and uncultivated land in Jefferson county, that he energetically applied himself to clearing and operating. His efforts met

with such lucrative returns that he was later able to extend the boundaries of his farm by the addition of another quarter section, thus making the aggregate of his holdings three hundred and sixty acres. Being both enterprising and diligent Mr. Bishop so intelligently applied his energies that he brought his land under a high state of cultivation, making it one of the attractive and valuable farms of the county. Here he spent the remainder of his life, his demise occurring in October, 1904, at the age of seventy-eight years. The mother survived until January 12, 1910, and was seventy-five years of age when she passed away. They were both most estimable people and were highly regarded in the community where they had resided for many years and had always exercised a goodly influence.

Reared on his father's farm, the boyhood and youth of Dr. Bishop were not particularly unlike those of the average farmer lad of that period. In the acquirement of his early education he attended the district schools in the vicinity of his neighborhood until qualified to enter Parsons College. He became a student of that institution in 1883, and in 1888, at the expiration of a five-years period of study, was graduated. The succeeding three years he devoted to teaching, being principal of the school at Abbingtion for a year and that of Libertyville for two years. As he had previously decided to adopt the medical profession for his life vocation, in the autumn of 1891 he entered the Keokuk Medical College, being awarded the degree of M. D. three years later. He first located in Fairfield, where he maintained an office until June 5, 1894, then came to Glasgow, where he has ever since resided. Dr. Bishop is well qualified for the profession he is following both because of his natural aptitude and by reason of his constant study and thorough preparation. He is most conscientious in his devotion to his patients, thorough in his diagnosis and tireless in his administrations in the effort to mitigate their suffering. He is the only physician in the town and in Round Prairie township so naturally in consideration of his excellent qualifications has succeeded in building up a very large practice.

On the 14th of April, 1897, Dr. Bishop was united in marriage to Miss Prudence K. Gregg, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Billings) Gregg, the father a native of Indiana and the mother of Ohio. James Gregg came to Iowa with his parents, who located in Jefferson county during the pioneer days. Having attained man's estate he bought some land that he cleared and operated until 1899, when he withdrew from the active work of the fields and retired to Fairfield, where he now resides, and where his wife passed away in April, 1910. To Dr. and Mrs. Bishop five children were born, as follows: J. Paul, Mildred Elizabeth, Carl Gregg, Robert Huffman, who are respectively thirteen, eleven, seven and three years of age, and James Frederick, who has passed the first anniversary of his birth. The

wife and mother after an illness covering one week, passed away with pneumonia, her death occurring on the 30th of March, 1911.

Dr. Bishop and his family affiliate with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which the mother was also a member, and fraternally he is a Modern Woodman of America, belonging to the Fairfield Camp. His political support Dr. Bishop accords to the republican party whose policy receives his unqualified indorsement, although he does not actively participate in township governmental affairs, preferring to give his undivided attention to his profession. His connection with his fellow practitioners he maintains through the medium of his membership in the Jefferson County Medical Society and the Iowa State and American Medical Associations. Good financial success has attended his efforts professionally and he is the owner of a finely improved farm of one hundred and thirty acres in Round Prairie township, in addition to which he also has an interest in the old family homestead. He has a very attractive residence and four lots in Glasgow and he also owns his office building. Charitable in his judgments, just in his criticisms and helpful in his attitude toward all, Dr. Bishop has won and retained the friendship of many since locating here by reason of these substantial qualities.

REV. AUGUST WALGREN.

No history of Jefferson county would be complete were there failure to make mention of Rev. August Walgren, now one of the most venerable citizens, having passed the eighty-fourth milestone on life's journey. The greater part of this period has been spent in Iowa and Jefferson county has long numbered him among its most worthy citizens. He attained a high degree of success in life through earnest, persistent labor, and at the same time developed a Christian character in keeping with his professions as a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. Walgren was born in Sweden, September 11, 1827, a son of Peter and Christine (Walgren) Peterson. The father died on his way to Iowa in 1849. He was a tailor by trade and also owned and cultivated a farm. Following his demise his widow came with her children to the new world, reaching Burlington, Iowa, in 1850. There were four sons and a daughter in the family and all that they had left when they arrived at Burlington was ten dollars in cash. Of the children August was the eldest and the others were: John, who died in California; Andrew, who served for ninety days in the First Iowa Infantry during the Civil war and is now living in Burlington; Louis P., who enlisted in the Seventh Iowa Cavalry and afterward served for about two

years in a Nebraska regiment, becoming subsequent to the war a resident of Texas, where his death occurred; and Mrs. Caroline Hillery, who died in Jefferson county.

Rev. August Walgren was a young man of about twenty-three years when he came with his mother and the younger members of the family to the new world. His education had been acquired in his native land at his mother's knee and his home training taught him the value of industry and perseverance. There were so many Petersons living in the county that after his arrival in the United States he changed his name to Walgren. The first work that he did was to chop wood at fifty cents per cord and thus he made enough money to pay his board. In 1851 he went to Lockridge township, Jefferson county, where he bargained for sixty acres of land. He had no money with which to make payment but agreed to pay twenty per cent interest and thus at the outset of his career assumed an indebtedness that under the circumstances would have utterly discouraged and disheartened many a man of less resolute purpose. He at once sought employment, working for from forty cents to a dollar per day and using whatever time he could to develop his own farm. He walked to and from Burlington, a distance of forty-two miles, in order to cultivate his land which was covered with timber that he cleared away as he found opportunity. In time the fields were ready for cultivation, crops were planted and in due time substantial harvests were gathered. Taking up his abode upon the property he continued to make his home there until the time of his enlistment for service in the Civil war. In the opening year of the contest between the north and the south he joined Company M of the Fourth Iowa Cavalry and was at the front for three years and three months, serving in the hospital corps toward the end of the time. His health became so impaired through the rigors and hardships of war that for about three years after the cessation of hostilities he was unable to work. However he labored earnestly in behalf of Christianity, serving for ten years as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. When his health had so improved that he could once more undertake the task of cultivating the fields he bent his energies toward the further development and improvement of his property and as his financial resources increased he added to his holdings until he had six hundred acres north of Lockridge, becoming one of the extensive farmers of the community. Of this he has since sold one hundred and twenty acres so that his holdings at the present writing are four hundred and eighty acres. He engaged in farming until advanced age came upon him when he retired to Fairfield about seven years ago. He had erected a fine residence upon his land and left it well improved for he had brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and had added all of the equipment and accessories of a model farm. His home was a large three-story resi-

dence with French roof, the first story being built of dimension rock and the remainder of brick. The house contains eleven rooms and was erected in 1890. He put in an artificial pond by the house covering two acres which was well stocked with fish and he set out a fine grove, making personal selection of all the trees. The lawn, too, was kept in splendid condition and his home was the finest in Lockridge township. Everything about the place indicated his progressive spirit and practical methods. In 1888 he built a large bank barn, fifty by sixty feet, there being a stone wall on an average of nine feet under this for the superstructure was of heavy timbers. He spared neither time nor expense in beautifying his home as well as making it comfortable and convenient and the Walgren farm became one of the finest in the county. In his business affairs Mr. Walgren displayed keen sagacity and discernment and to indefatigable industry he added careful management so that the years brought him substantial, well merited and gratifying success.

On the 28th of January, 1851, occurred the marriage of August Walgren and Miss Anna Peterson, who was born in Sweden in 1829 and came to Burlington in 1849 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Peterson, the journey being made in a lumber wagon from Chicago, for there were no railroads at that day. The father died soon after his arrival here. Mr. and Mrs. Walgren became the parents of a large family: Andrew, living in Galesburg, Illinois; Albert, who occupies his father's farm in Lockridge township; Joseph Oscar, a resident of California; Arthur, of Idaho; Louis, residing in Denver; Wesley Grant, who occupies one of his father's farms; Franklin B., a resident farmer of Lockridge township; Anna Caroline, at home; Emma, the wife of William Crunpoltz, of Lockridge; Etta, residing in Wyoming; and Boswick, at home. There was also a daughter who died in infancy; another, Emily, who died at the age of eight years; while Frances passed away at the age of five years, there being altogether fourteen children in the family. Mr. and Mrs. Walgren also have reared four of their grandchildren. For more than sixty years they have traveled life's journey together, sharing with each other its joys and sorrows, its adversity and prosperity. In politics Mr. Walgren is a staunch republican, never faltering in his advocacy of the principles of the party which was the defense of the Union in the dark days of the Civil war and has always been the party of reform and progress. He maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in George Strong Post No. 19, G. A. R., of Fairfield. His has indeed been a well spent life. He came to the new world a young man empty-handed, unfamiliar with the language and the customs of the people, and in the early period of his residence in Iowa he worked near Burlington for Hon. Charles Mason, the first supreme court judge of the state. Carefully saving his earnings he was enabled at

length to make his payments upon his property and later to add to his holdings until a notable measure of success was his. The record of his life commands admiration for it indicates the strength of his character and the extent of his resources and ability. He has today passed the eighty-fourth milestone on life's journey and can look back over the past without regret for he has neglected few opportunities, having on the contrary made wise use of his time and talents, nor has he been self-centered in his work for his labors have been an element in the agricultural development of the district and in various other ways he has cooperated in the work of general improvement and upbuilding.

GEORGE LIBLIN.

That the life history of George Liblin is a record of success is due to the persistent effort and intelligently directed industry which he has displayed through the many years of his connection with agricultural interests of Jefferson county. He is one of France's contributions to the citizenship of Iowa, his birth there occurring on the 13th of October 1841. His parents, James and Julian Liblin, were also natives of France and came to the new world in 1846, arriving in St. Louis, Missouri, in the spring of that year. There they resided for about ten years, after which they came to Cedar township, Jefferson county, where the father entered forty acres of government land. He at once directed his energies toward agricultural pursuits and as he could, he added other small tracts to his original purchase until eventually he became the owner of one hundred and five acres, all of which he brought under development. Both he and his wife passed away on this farm, the former when he had reached the age of sixty-seven years, eleven months and thirteen days, and the latter at the age of eighty-six years. In their family were five children, as follows: James, a resident of Salina, Iowa; George, of this review; Alexander, of Arizona; Christina Isel, a widow, of Cedar township; and Martin, now deceased.

George Liblin was but five years of age when his parents made the long journey across the Atlantic, and thus the greater part of his life has been passed within the borders of Jefferson county, Iowa. As a boy he assisted his father in the cultivation of the home farm and as his strength increased he also performed other tasks such as coal digging, wood chopping and grubbing. Upon entering the business world he took up agricultural pursuits on his own account and since that time the years have marked his gradual advance toward the goal of prosperity until today he is ranked among the substantial and representative farmers of his section of the county. At

one time he owned five hundred acres of land of which he later sold portions to his sons, reserving for his use today a tract of one hundred and eighty acres located on section 32, Buchanan township. This farm is pleasantly situated about a mile and a half southeast of Fairfield on the middle road, and is thus within close reach of the conveniences and pleasures afforded by city life. Mr. Liblin carries on general agricultural pursuits, in the management of which he has manifested good business ability and industry that never flags. His methods have ever been honorable and his dealings fair and the prosperity which he now enjoys has come as the well merited reward of a well spent life.

It was on the 31st of April 1862, that Mr. Liblin was united in marriage to Miss Mary Long, who was born in Tennessee on the 18th of April, 1843, a daughter of Jesse and Nancy Long. Her parents came to Jefferson county, Iowa, at an early day, and here the father gave a large portion of his time to farming pursuits. He taught school for a time, however, and also acted as local Methodist preacher. In politics he was a democrat and at the time of his death was serving as sheriff of Jefferson county. He passed away in 1855. In his family were eleven children two sons and nine daughters, of whom only four daughters are now living. The two sons, Cleve and William, served in the Civil war and passed away shortly after returning home from the front. To Mr. and Mrs. Liblin were born seven children, as follows: George W., who is mentioned below; Malissa, at home; Ed, residing in Center township; William, who was killed at the age of twenty-one years, having been accidentally shot while hunting; Frank, who owns one hundred acres of the old homestead and is engaged in farming in connection with his father; Vester, at home; and Della, who married William Fickel, of Center township. Mr. Liblin has lived a quiet life, in which political activity has had no part, but he has nevertheless been deeply interested in all that pertains to the development of the district in which he resides. Although he has now reached the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten he is still active in the world's work and displays a public-spirited devotion to the country of his adoption.

GEORGE W. LIBLIN.

Among Jefferson county's native sons who are meeting with success in the utilization of the excellent opportunities here offered along agricultural lines is George W. Liblin, whose birth occurred in Cedar township on the 17th of March, 1863. He is the eldest child in the family of seven children born to George and Mary Ann (Long) Liblin, natives of France and Ten-

nessee, of whom mention is made above. The family has long been established in this section and the grandparents on both the paternal and maternal side here passed away and are buried in Paterson cemetery of Cedar township.

On the old homestead farm George W. Liblin spent the period of his boyhood youth, and amid the busy activities of rural life he learned many lessons concerning the value of industry and perseverance and formed habits of clean and upright living, elements which later formed the salient characteristics of his career. He remained with his parents until twenty-three years of age, when he left home and took up agricultural pursuits on his own account, his thorough training under the direction of his father well equipping him for the conduct of an independent venture. Purchasing eighty-five acres on section 12, Center township, he took up his abode thereon and it has since remained his home, living alone on the place until his marriage. He holds to modern methods, is energetic and persevering in the conduct of his affairs and the well improved condition of his farm indicates that he is in close touch with the spirit of progress which is so manifest in agricultural circles today.

Mr. Liblin was married on November 29, 1888, to Miss Rosa Bean, who was born in Washington county, Iowa, January 29, 1866, a daughter of Joseph and Esther Bean, the former now deceased and the latter residing with Mrs. Liblin. To Mr. and Mrs. Liblin, on November 3, 1899, one child was born, George William, who, however, passed away, July 13, 1902, at the age of two years and eight months. The parents are members of the Christian church while in politics Mr. Liblin gives his support to the democracy, in the principles of which party he sincerely believes. He has never sought public office as the reward for party fealty, however, but has conscientiously endeavored to perform all those duties of private life which should be regarded as privileges as well as obligations by all loyal citizens. He is widely known in the county within whose borders his entire life has been spent, and that many of his best friends now are those who were his boyhood's companions is indicative of the fact that he possesses in large degree those qualities which win and retain warm regard and high esteem.

ROBERT H. JOHNSTON.

Robert H. Johnston, whose life span covers eight decades, is numbered among the citizens of Jefferson county most worthy of honor and veneration, for his record has ever been one of ceaseless effort, honorable principles and high purposes. His well directed labors, too, have brought him

substantial success in the business world, and he is now able to leave the active work to younger shoulders, enjoying the comforts of life which his prosperity affords him. He was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, on the 14th of December, 1831, a son of Samuel and Prudence (Hill) Johnston, both natives of Ireland, having been born near Belfast. There they were reared and married and in 1825 came to Pennsylvania. The father operated the Pittsburg House on the Diamond, his time and attention being thus engaged until his death in 1836. His widow later brought her family to Iowa, arriving in Van Buren county in 1854, the home being established in Cedar township, east of Birmingham, where she resided until December 16, 1866, when she passed away at the age of seventy-two years. The family consisted of four children, of whom the three eldest, Margaret, William and Henry, are now deceased.

Robert H. Johnston, the youngest child of Samuel and Prudence Johnston, was a young man of twenty-three years when he came to Iowa with his mother in the fall of 1854. His education had been acquired in the Keystone state and there he learned the shoemaker's trade, serving his apprenticeship near Pittsburg and following that occupation for about seven years in Pennsylvania and also in Iowa. After his arrival in this state he spent one year in Scott county and in the fall of 1855 removed to Van Buren county, where he remained until 1877. In the latter year he came to his present place of residence, which has remained his home for thirty-four years. His home farm, which is located on section 36, Liberty township, about two miles north of Birmingham, on the Van Buren county line, consists of eighty acres and is a well improved property, containing all of the accessories necessary to equip a model farm. Indeed it is one of the most valuable and desirable places in Liberty township and in its excellent condition is seen the result of a life characterized by earnest endeavor, by unfaltering energy and well directed effort. It was but a natural sequence that as the years passed Mr. Johnston should prosper in his agricultural undertaking and never was success more worthily won nor more richly deserved. He continued in the active management of his interests until about five years ago, when he turned over the actual supervision of his farm to his sons and is now living in honorable retirement.

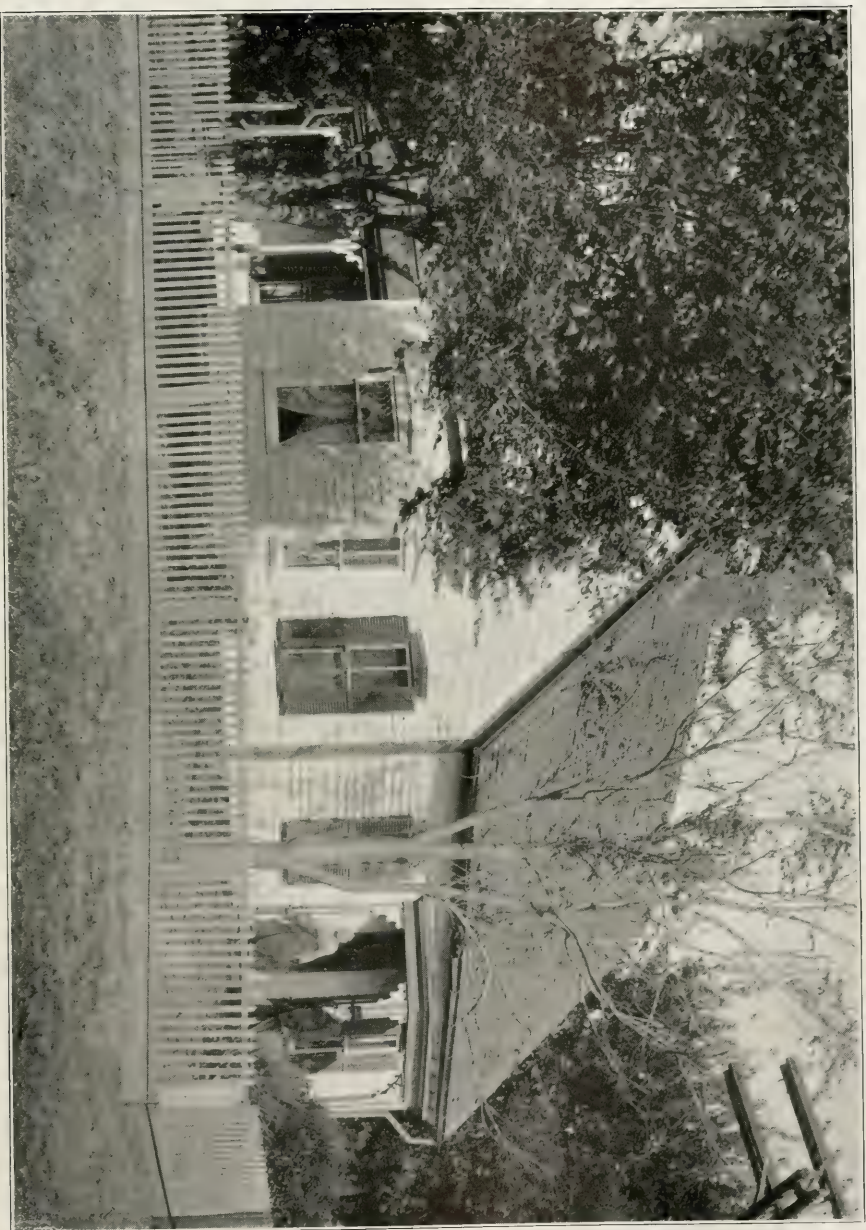
The entire attention of Mr. Johnston, however, has not been concentrated in this one avenue, for during the past nineteen years he has served as a director of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company. In like manner business interests have not been permitted to exclude activity in other directions and he has an interesting military record covering three years' service in the Civil war as a soldier in the Union army. He enlisted from Van Buren county on the 6th of August, 1862, being assigned to Company I, Nineteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and remained with that com-

mand until honorably discharged on the 6th of August, 1865, having in the meantime been detailed as bass drummer of the regiment. He has since maintained pleasant connection with his old army comrades through his membership in Newell Post, G. A. R., at Birmingham. He is a demitted Mason, while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, holding membership relations with that denomination at Birmingham. In politics he has ever given stalwart support to the republican party and has been called to public service by his fellow citizens, filling the office of township trustee for a number of years. He has also served as school director, being a warm advocate of the cause of education, and he is equally stanch in his advocacy of material and moral progress, doing all in his power to further the interests of the community in which he lives, in every possible way.

It was in 1852 that Mr. Johnston was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Shepler, who was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, on the 21st of February, 1828, a daughter of Peter and Mary (Paine) Shepler, both natives of the Keystone state, where their last days were spent. The Johnston household was blessed with six children, as follows: William, a farmer of Van Buren county, residing near Birmingham; Margaret, who married Jackson Kirkhart, of Cantril, Van Buren county; Mary, at home; Maria, who married Albert Parker, of Derby, Lucas county; Reuben, a resident of Liberty township; and Carrie, who passed away at the age of nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding nine years ago and they confidently expect to celebrate their sixtieth anniversary in 1912. Both have long since passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten and they can look back upon a past which has been crowned with successful achievement and characterized by a development of high ideals. Both have lived their lives to noble purpose and now in the evening of life they have in full measure the unqualified respect, esteem and reverence which should ever be accorded old age.

DAVID GOUGHNOUR.

The late David Goughnour, for many years successfully identified with the agricultural interests of Jefferson county where he was numbered among the highly esteemed citizens, was born in Cambia county, Pennsylvania, on the 30th of July, 1836. His parents were David and Mary (Fox) Goughnour, natives of Pennsylvania, the father of Dutch extraction and the mother of Irish. They came to Iowa with their parents when children, being reared to maturity near Libertyville, Jefferson county, where they were later married. There the father followed the trade of millwright



RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. DAVID GOTCHNOUR

until 1849 when he joined the goldseekers and went to California. After spending three years in prospecting he started homeward, but contracted cholera while enroute and passed away at Memphis, Tennessee. His wife then removed to Polk county, this state, where she resided thereafter, her death occurring at Elkhart in 1872.

The early years in the life of David Goughnour were not unlike those of the majority of lads reared in the country at that period. In pursuit of an education he attended the district schools until he had mastered the common branches, during which time his energies were also devoted to the work of the fields. After his marriage he went to Dallas county, Iowa, where for two years he operated a mill for his brother Manuel. At the expiration of that time he decided to return to farming and purchased fifty-seven acres of land in Polk county. Cultivating his farm for six years he disposed of it and acquired some prairie land upon which he resided for a similar period. Selling this property he located near Altoona, where he lived for nine years, when he returned to Jefferson county, settling on a farm southeast of Batavia in Des Moines township. He successfully engaged in the operation of this place for fourteen years, but owing to the state of his health in 1905 was forced to withdraw from active farming and removed to Batavia. There he continued to reside until his death on the 19th of December, 1908. He is survived by his widow who still makes her home in Batavia. Ever loyal and public-spirited, when the call came for troops, in 1864, Mr. Goughnour responded, enlisting at Davenport, and going to the front with Company F, Third Iowa Volunteer Cavalry. He saw much active service, participating in many of the hard campaigns during the closing months of the war, having been for three months at one time in the saddle almost continuously, just snatching such rest as he could at rare intervals. After he was mustered out he returned to Jefferson county, where he resided until after his marriage.

Mr. Goughnour married on the 14th of March, 1867, Miss Lovina Haney. Mrs. Goughnour was born on a farm near Dayton, Montgomery county, Ohio, her parents being Daniel and Susan (Rodabaugh) Haney, natives of Pennsylvania, of German extraction. Mr. and Mrs. Haney removed with their parents during childhood to Ohio, where they were later married, continuing to be residents of the Buckeye state until 1855. In the latter year they came to Iowa, locating on a farm west of Birmingham, Jefferson county, where they resided for six years. At the expiration of that period they removed to Whitfield and there he continued to follow agricultural pursuits until his death. The mother survived for six years thereafter, her demise occurring on the home farm. Eight children were born to the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Goughnour. Daniel E., who is the marshal of Byron, Illinois, and also manager of the City Electric

Light & Water Company, married Mary Dillon of Byron, and they have two children, Vinson and Dorothy. Sarah, the wife of William Stebleton, a farmer of North Dakota, has seven children: Ethel, Cletis, Harvey, Hazel, Floyd, George and Leslie. Henry, who was the third in order of birth, died at the age of two years and six months. Mina, the wife of Charles Smith, a farmer living three miles south of Batavia, has a son and a daughter, Russell and Mabel. Annie died at the age of nine years and ten months. Carrie, is the widow of William Boysel, a farmer who lived south of Batavia. Mary, who was the youngest daughter, died at the age of four years and four days. Wilson, who is the eighth member of the family, remains at home.

An earnest Christian, Mr. Goughnour was always an active member of the Brethren church of Batavia, with which organization Mrs. Goughnour is also identified. Politically he was a republican, and served on the district school boards in both Polk and Jefferson counties. He was a man of energetic and forceful character whose influence was ever exerted in support of all that was best in forwarding the interests of the community in which he resided and in whose development he ever took an earnest and helpful part.

JOSEPH SCHILLERSTROM.

Joseph Schillerstrom, whose energies have been devoted to general mercantile pursuits in Salina for the past twenty-seven years, is one of Jefferson county's native sons. His birth occurred on a farm in Lockridge township, on November 28, 1855, his parents being Gustaf O. and Inga Schillerstrom, both of whom were born and reared in Sweden. There the father engaged in farming until 1846, when seeking opportunities affording more rapid advancement he took passage for the United States. Upon his arrival in this country he made his way westward to Iowa, locating in Jefferson county, which at that time was but sparsely settled. He invested a portion of his small capital in forty acres of government land in Lockridge township, for which he paid one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. After placing upon his tract such buildings as were essential for immediate use, he began clearing and improving his land, diligently applying himself to its cultivation for two years. At the expiration of that period he sold his place and purchased a tract of one hundred and thirty acres of uncultivated and unimproved land north of Salina, where he immediately removed. He improved this tract until 1863, then disposing of it he rented a place closer to Salina, where he resided one year, locating in the spring of 1865

at Glendale, also in Lockridge township. Here he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land that he operated until 1896, when he sold his holdings and retired from active work, making his home with his children until his death in April, 1911. The mother passed away in 1893.

Joseph Schillerstrom was reared in Lockridge township, gaining his education in the district schools, at the same time tilling the soil and caring for the crops under the capable supervision of his father. He remained a member of the parental household until he had attained his majority when he began for himself as a farm hand, following this occupation for four years. In 1880 he went west, locating in Nevada where he farmed for three years; subsequently he returned to Jefferson county, where he has ever since resided. Commercial activities had always appealed to Mr. Schillerstrom who now decided to abandon farming, so he bought the general mercantile business of Frank Thuesson at Salina, taking possession of the store in January, 1884. He has met with an unusual degree of success in this undertaking, carrying a large and well assorted stock of goods and being the only merchant in the town. He is a man who has the happy faculty of making and retaining the friendship of the majority of those with whom he comes in contact, and this together with his gracious and accommodating manner to customers has enabled him to build up a large patronage. Mr. Schillerstrom is the owner of the building in which his store is located and of a fine residence and four lots.

On the 24th of November, 1885, Mr. Schillerstrom completed his arrangements for a home by his marriage to Miss Josie Edmunds, a daughter of Charles and Sophia (Faust) Edmunds, natives of Sweden. Mrs. Edmunds passed away in the old country in 1871 and five years later her husband with his family emigrated to the United States, locating in Jefferson county. During the first four years of his residence here Mr. Edmunds rented a farm near Packwood which he cultivated with such success that he was able to buy one hundred and forty acres of land north of Salina. He located upon this, devoting his energies to its cultivation until his demise on the 14th of March, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Schillerstrom were the parents of eight children: Edward C., who is twenty-five years of age, now residing in Creston; Glenn J., who is twenty-two; Nettie F., whose age is twenty; Townsend, who is eighteen; Curtis, a youth of fifteen; Iva Pearl, who has passed the twelfth anniversary of her birth; Mary, aged eight; and Francis, who is just entering his fifth year.

The family affiliate with the Presbyterian church, and in matters politic Mr. Schillerstrom gives his support to the prohibition party, thus indicating his views on the liquor question. Although he takes an interest in all matters pertaining to the public policy he has never desired office, and when elected to the office of justice of the peace, some time ago, declined the

proffered honor. He is a man of determination and stalwart purpose, who has labored persistently and unremittingly in his efforts to build up his business and has had his endeavors well repaid not only by a large patronage but the respect of the community at large, which is freely accorded him.

LOUIS DUTTWEILER.

Louis Duttweiler, who has spent his entire life within the borders of Jefferson county, has been successfully engaged in the feed business at Lockridge since 1902; and, for the past five years, has been identified with the Lockridge Telephone Company, having charge of the local exchange. His birth occurred in Walnut township on the 27th of November, 1855, his parents being Louis and Sarah (Hetzel) Duttweiler; the former a native of Germany and the latter of Ohio. Louis Duttweiler, Sr., who was born in Germany December 2, 1815, emigrated to the United States in a very early day, locating in Ohio, where he remained for two years. On the expiration of that period, he came to Jefferson county, Iowa, and entered eighty acres of land from the government at a dollar and a quarter per acre. He cleared and improved the property, and continued its operation throughout the remainder of his life. As his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he augmented his holdings by additional purchase until, at the time of his death, which occurred July 31, 1889, he owned two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land. The demise of his wife had occurred on July 4, 1877.

Louis Duttweiler obtained his education in the district schools of Walnut township, this county, and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. Renting his father's farm at that time, he continued its operation until 1901. During eighteen years of this period, he resided on a farm of ninety acres, in Lockridge township, and placed many substantial improvements thereon. At the time of his father's demise, he received one hundred and twenty acres of the old home place as his share of the estate but, later, sold the same. He still owns his ninety-acre farm, which he bought September 6, 1889, and moved on to it January 21, 1890. This farm is situated a half mile east of Lockridge and is operated by his son-in-law, Claude Teeter. In 1903, he came to Lockridge, purchased property and erected a fine residence thereon. He was engaged in the livery business for two years and, then, embarked in the feed business, which has claimed his attention up to the present time. Since 1906, he has also had charge of the local exchange of the Lockridge Telephone Company.

and, in this connection, has proved himself a man of splendid executive ability and unflinching enterprise.

On the 11th of December, 1879, Mr. Duttweiler was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Eggenbarger, a daughter of John and Johanna R. (Dubero) Eggenbarger. The father was a native of Switzerland and the mother of Prussia, Germany. The father crossed the Atlantic to the United States in a very early day. He came direct to Jefferson county, Iowa, and was employed as a farm hand in Lockridge township for several years. Eventually, he purchased land of his own in Lockridge township, clearing and improving the same and devoting his attention to its cultivation, until 1907. In that year, he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Lockridge, where he lived retired until called to his final rest, December 29, 1909. His widow, who has now attained the age of seventy-four years, still makes her home in Lockridge. Our subject and his wife have one daughter, Sarah S., who is now the wife of Claude Teeter.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, Mr. Duttweiler has supported the men and measures of the democracy, believing firmly in its principles. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Lutheran church, to which his wife also belongs. Alert and energetic, Mr. Duttweiler is in close touch with all the interests which are factors in the life of a progressive citizen and of the community at large; and is recognized as a forceful factor for development and improvement in the locality where he makes his home.

Mr. Duttweiler had one brother and one sister; the former living in Pleasant Plain, Iowa. The sister was born December 8, 1859, in Walnut township, and died on the old home place, September 25, 1883.

JAMES D. CRAIL.

A well known pioneer of Jefferson county, who for many years was successfully identified with the agricultural and dairying interests of the county, was the late James D. Crail. He was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, on the 24th of March, 1822, and was a son of Benjamin and Nancy (Daugherty) Crail. The father, who was of Scotch descent was born in the Keystone state in 1793, and there he was educated and reared to manhood. When old enough to decide upon a life vocation he took up the miller's trade and subsequently became the owner of a grist mill in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, that he operated until his death in 1846. The mother was born in Scotland in 1798, but she was brought to the United States in her early childhood and here she was reared and

educated. She was married to Mr. Crail in Beaver county, and following his death she continued to make her home there until 1855, when she came to Iowa with her children. She made her home in Jefferson county for many years, but she was living with her daughter, Mrs. Ella Snodgrass, at Winterset, Madison county, Iowa, when she passed away in 1886. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Crail numbered ten, as follows: John and Irwin, both of whom are deceased; James D., our subject; Benjamin F., of Fairfield; Milton and Mary, who are also deceased; Cynthia, who is living in Shenandoah; Ella, who is deceased; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; and Matilda, who is deceased.

The early years in the life of James D. Crail were typical to those of other youths of the period who were reared in the more sparsely settled communities. He attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education, and when qualified to begin preparations for his life vocation laid aside his text-books and applied himself to the ship-carpenter's trade. After the completion of his period of apprenticeship he entered the ship-yards at Pittsburg, where he was employed until he came west. In 1855 he gave up his position and came to Jefferson county, locating in Fairfield. He subsequently purchased a farm in the vicinity of Brookville upon which he settled with his family successfully devoting his energies to its operation for many years. Mr. Crail was a capable agriculturist and prospered in his undertakings, but owing to the state of his health was forced to retire in 1876. He rented his farm and withdrawing from all active work made two extensive trips through the west. Later he removed to a dairy farm he purchased south of Fairfield, and there he continued to reside until his death, which occurred on May 12, 1896.

On the 15th of December, 1861, Mr. Crail was joined in wedlock to Miss Elizabeth J. Holton, a daughter of Alexander and Nancy (Sellers) Holton, both natives of Bracken county, Kentucky, and of Scotch-Irish descent. Mr. and Mrs. Holton began their domestic life on a farm in the Blue Grass state, but they later removed to Missouri, settling on a farm where they both passed away, after the war. Mrs. Crail's paternal grandfather, Joshua Holton, served with distinction in the Revolutionary war, thus entitling his descendants to membership in the various societies organized by the sons and daughters of the heroes of the Revolution. Mrs. Crail is the third in order of birth of the ten children born to her parents, the others being: Frances, who is living in Missouri; Ruth, who is deceased; Calvin, who is also deceased; Lydia, a resident of Missouri; Polly and Emily, both of whom are deceased; and Amanda, John and a baby, all of whom died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Crail were the parents of two children: Benjamin Franklin, who is a stockbuyer in Fairfield, married Mary E. Poulton, and they also have two children, James, who is attend-

ing the military school at Lexington, Missouri, and Helen, who is in the Fairfield high school; and Matilda, who married Bruce Ratcliff, a traveling salesman of J. M. Gobble & Company, wholesale grocers at Muscatine, Iowa. They reside with Mrs. Crail and Mrs. Ratcliff is a member of the Log Cabin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Fairfield.

The family always attended the Methodist Episcopal church of Fairfield, in which the parents held membership, Mrs. Crail still being identified with this organization. In politics Mr. Crail was a republican, but he never figured in public affairs as an aspirant to official honors. Owing to the state of his health Mr. Crail was not able to go to the front during the Civil war, but his brother, Captain Benjamin F. Crail, made a brilliant record on the battlefields of the south. Mr. Crail led a somewhat unobtrusive life, devoting his attention to the development of his personal interests, but he possessed many most estimable qualities and had a large circle of friends in the county, who held him in high regard.

JESSE A. CORNELL.

Jesse A. Cornell is the owner of a fine farm of seventy acres located on section 11, Des Moines township, where he engages in general farming and stock-raising. He is the eldest child born to George Tyler and Elizabeth (Gibbs) Cornell, and began his life record in Warren county, Ohio, on the 8th of May, 1871. The parents were born, reared and married in Warren county where the father engaged in farming until 1881, when the family removed to Iowa. They located in Jefferson county, Mr. Cornell purchasing a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Des Moines township upon which he resided for twenty-three years. In 1904 he and his wife retired to Libertyville, where the mother still resides, but he passed away on the 9th of September, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Cornell had six children: Jesse A., our subject; Wilbur, who is deceased; Viola May, the wife of Grant Cornell, a cousin, who is farming in Ohio; and Clarence, Ralph and Ernest Ray, all of whom are deceased. In the paternal line Jesse A. Cornell is of Welsh extraction, his grandfather, George Cornell, having emigrated from Wales to the United States when a youth of sixteen years. He settled in Ohio during the pioneer days and there three years later, when he was nineteen years of age, he married a Miss Hanna, a native of New Jersey, who was thirteen years of age. Immediately following this event they located on the farm where they spent the remainder

of their lives. He was very successful in his agricultural pursuits and acquired seven hundred acres of excellent land, that he improved and brought to a high state of cultivation. The family of Mr. and Mrs. George Cornell numbered eighteen children of whom the son George Tyler was the youngest.

The school days of Jesse A. Cornell began in his native state, the education therein acquired being supplemented by further study in the schools of district No. 1, Des Moines township, after the family located in Jefferson county. His boyhood was very similar to that of other lads who are reared in the country, his vacations and such time as he was not engaged with his lessons being devoted to the work about the farm, under the direction and supervision of his father. His services were rendered to his father until he had attained his majority, following which he worked for him on shares until he was twenty-six years of age. About this time he married and began to work for himself, renting a hundred and sixty acres from his father that he cultivated for seven years. In 1907 he purchased his homestead, and here he engages in general farming and also raises and feeds stock for the market. Mr. Cornell is a man of progressive ideas and clear judgment and so capably directs his enterprises that he is meeting with more than a moderate degree of success, being numbered among the prosperous farmers of Des Moines township.

On Christmas eve, 1896, Mr. Cornell was united in marriage to Miss Emma Jacobson, a daughter of Gus F. and Hannah (Edmonds) Jacobson, both of whom were natives of Sweden. The father emigrated to the United States when a young man of twenty-one years, while the mother was a child of five when she accompanied her parents to this country. Mr. Jacobson first located in New York, going from there to Illinois and subsequently settling on a farm east of Lockridge in this county. It was there that Mrs. Cornell was born on the 7th of July, 1876. The father and mother continued to live on their farm until five years ago when they removed to Batavia, where they are now residing. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson, as follows: David, who is living in Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Cornell; Wilbur, who died in childhood; and Etta, who passed away when she was eighteen years of age. Mrs. Jacobson had been married twice before, her first union being with a Mr. Peterson, by whom she had three children: William, who is deceased; John, who is living in Denver, Colorado; and Christina, the wife of T. Lundgren, of Centerville, Iowa. Her second husband was Mr. Olson and she bore him one child, Anna Alice, who is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Cornell are the parents of four children: Ruth Hannah, who was born on the 9th of November, 1897; Grace Freeda, whose birth occurred on the 2d of December, 1899; Ernest Leo, the natal day of whom is the 9th of January, 1900; and Goldie

Christina, whose advent occurred on the 17th of August, 1906. The three eldest children are attending school in district No. 1, Des Moines township.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cornell hold membership in the Presbyterian church of Libertyville, and he votes the republican ticket. He cares not to figure prominently in political activities, but he is a loyal and patriotic citizen, as were his forefathers, who offered their services to their country in time of need. His maternal grandfather, Jesse Gibbs and one uncle, Joseph Gibbs, were in the Civil war, and went with Sherman on his famous march.

SQUIRE C. RIDGWAY.

The late Squire C. Ridgway was one of Jefferson county's pioneer agriculturists, having located in Round Prairie township in 1841. He was born on the 10th of November, 1819, and was a son of John and Margaret (Crume) Ridgway, natives of Kentucky. There Mr. Ridgway followed the stone mason's trade until 1827, when together with his wife and children he started for Indiana, but died en route. The mother survived for forty-seven years thereafter, her demise occurring on the 5th of December, 1874.

Such schooling as was afforded Squire C. Ridgway he obtained in his native state, whence he accompanied his parents on their removal to Indiana. The eldest son, after the death of his father the duties and responsibilities of manhood devolved upon him, although he was only a lad of eight years. Pioneering at the best is fraught with hardships and privations, but owing to their limited circumstances and uncertain resources, the Ridgway family found life very hard during those early days in Indiana. They continued to make their home there, however, until 1841 when they removed to Jefferson county. Here Squire C. Ridgway entered some land in Round Prairie township that he operated until his death, which occurred on the 3d of January, 1883.

For a life companion Mr. Ridgway chose Miss Elizabeth J. Jamison, their marriage being celebrated on October 19, 1858. Mrs. Ridgway was born in Morgan county, Illinois, on the 1st of August, 1832, and is a daughter of Alexander and Mary (Moore) Jamison, the father a native of Virginia and the mother of Kentucky. Alexander Jamison migrated from his native state to Illinois in his early manhood and after following his trade there for several years came to Jefferson county. Upon his arrival in this county he entered some land in Round Prairie township, which proved unsuitable for agricultural purposes, as he could not get the all necessary water; so leaving the land unimproved, he leased a farm for several years

and then disposing of his property, he removed to Webster county, making his home with his children until he passed away. He was eighty years of age when he died on the 17th of June, 1881, while the mother was seventy-nine years at the time of her death on the 6th of March, 1886. Having no children of their own Mr. and Mrs. Ridgway took a boy, William Gill, into their home, who was three years of age at the time. They reared him to manhood and he is now a well known farmer of Round Prairie township.

Mr. Ridgway was a member of the Masonic order and he was also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while he voted the republican ticket. In religious faith he was a Baptist and his widow still holds membership in that church. Mrs. Ridgway, who has now attained the venerable age of seventy-nine years makes her home in Glasgow, where her sister, Miss Margaret Jamison, is living with her ever since their parents died. Both ladies are cultured and refined and carrying their years lightly, are still actively interested in their pursuits and surroundings, among many friends of long years standing.

NATHAN B. REGESTER.

One of the finest and best improved farms in Center township pays tribute to the efforts of N. B. Regester, who, in the prosecution of general agricultural and stock-raising pursuits, is meeting with substantial success. He was born in Green county, Pennsylvania, on the 7th of September, 1850; a son of John and Mary (Sibit) Regester, also natives of the Keystone state, the former born on the 4th of October, 1819, and the latter in 1823. The father, who followed the occupations of a carpenter and farmer, passed away in March, 1895, having for more than two decades survived his wife, her death occurring in May, 1874. Their family of four children consists of the following: Rachel Ann, who was called from this life in childhood; Sarah Jane Craig, also deceased; N. B., of this review; and Mary Ann, who married John Murphy, of Packwood, Jefferson county.

N. B. Regester spent the first seventeen years of his life in his native state; then, in 1867, he accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa, the family home being established on the farm upon which he yet resides. He has continued to make this his home since that time, with the exception of one year—1885—which was spent in Kansas. He had been reared to rural life, and, amid the busy activities of the farm, he had learned many lessons concerning the value of industry, perseverance and thrift. The

experiences which he gained in the work of the home fields under the direction of his father well prepared him for the successful conduct of an independent venture, when he took up farming on his own account. The tract, which consisted of but eighty acres when it came into his father's possession, now includes one hundred and sixty acres, located on section 2, Center township, and under the wise management of our subject it has been highly developed. A beautiful maple grove, set out by his father, is one of its attractive features, but the more up-to-date improvements upon the farm were instituted by N. B. Regester himself. The place is equipped with good barns and substantial outbuildings, all built by him, and, in 1901, he erected a ten-room, modern dwelling, which is one of the finest homes in the township. No stronger evidence could be given of the spirit of progress and energy which dominates its owner than the excellent appearance of the farm; and, today, as the result of his well directed efforts and close application to his farming and stock-raising interests, he is meeting with highly merited success.

In March, 1875, Mr. Regester was united in marriage to Miss Susan Emma Inghram, who was born in Quincy, Illinois October 21, 1858. Her parents, Arthur and Mary Jane (Coen) Inghram, were both natives of Pennsylvania. By them she was brought to Iowa when but two years of age, their last days being spent in this state. Having no children of their own, Mr. and Mrs. Regester reared Howard Inghram, a nephew of Mrs. Regester, who is now residing in Fairfield, and they also assisted in the rearing of two others. Mr. Regester and wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church of Pleasant Grove, and their lives have ever been in harmony with their professions. The democratic party has found in him a stalwart supporter since age conferred upon him the right of franchise; but the honors and emoluments of office have never held attraction for him. Mr. Regester is one of the most enterprising farmers in this section, and the honesty of his business transactions and the high morals governing his private life have won for him a place among the valued citizens of Jefferson county.

DAVID B. WILSON.

A resident of Jefferson county for fifty-six years, David B. Wilson is well known to citizens of Fairfield and the surrounding district. He is always loyal to the interests and welfare of the community, and displayed the same spirit of faithfulness when during the period of the Civil war he valiantly defended the Union against the attack of the south. He was

but seventeen years of age when he came to Fairfield, his birth having occurred in Newark, Ohio, March 16, 1838, his parents being David S. and Kitty Ann (Bramble) Wilson; the former a native of Morgantown, Virginia, and the latter of Chillicothe, Ohio. They were married in the latter place, and, for a number of years, were residents of Newark, Ohio. The father died in 1839, when his son David was but a year old. He was a contractor and builder, always following that pursuit in order to provide for himself and family. A year after the arrival of her son in Fairfield, the mother came to this city and here spent her remaining days, her death occurring in 1875. In the family were three children: Hon. James F. Wilson, United States senator from Iowa; mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Mary J., who is the widow of Dr. George H. Blair and resides with her daughter, Mrs. Alice Booker, in Fairfield; and David B., of this review.

The last named spent the days of his boyhood in his native town and pursued his education in the public schools, but in May, 1855, left Newark in order to try his fortune west of the Mississippi, coming to Fairfield where he has since made his home. For a time, he engaged in clerking and then took up the study of law, being admitted to the bar in 1861. He did not enter at once upon practice, however, but put aside all business and personal considerations in order to aid in the defense of his country. It was in May of that year that he offered his services to the government, and was assigned to duty with Company E, Second Iowa Infantry, with which he continued until June, 1864, participating in all of the engagements of the regiment during that time. From February until the 1st of June of the latter year, he was on detached duty as the quartermaster's department in Pulaski, Tennessee. He had joined the army as a private, and, when mustered out, held the rank of lieutenant. Some time following his return to Fairfield, he was appointed United States pension agent for the southern district of Iowa and filled that position for twelve years. He was also engaged in merchandising, conducting a hat, cap and men's furnishing goods business for about three years. Selling out on the expiration of that period, he took up the practice of law. Since 1896 he has held the office of justice of the peace, and also conducted a general collection business.

In February, 1864, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Jessie C. Fetter, who was born in Collinsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1841, and died in 1874, leaving a daughter, Jennie C., who is now the wife of Perry E. Hiflin, agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company at Fairfield. Mr. Wilson votes with the republican party, but has never been a politician in the usual sense of office seeking. He has ever kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day, and, at all times, has

manifested a spirit of loyalty and patriotic citizenship, proving his faithfulness to his country in days of peace as he did in the time of war when he followed the stars and stripes upon the battlefields of the south. Because of his long residence in Fairfield, Mr. Wilson needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, being widely known throughout this part of the state, and his many good traits of character, his reliability in business and his faithfulness in every relation of life have commended him to the confidence and high regard of all. His standing among his fellowmen is indicated by the fact that he is familiarly and affectionately termed Uncle David throughout the community.

CARR BROTHERS.

S. P. and C. M. Carr, whose business interests have always been identified and who are numbered among the leading farmers of Liberty township, have a well improved property of one hundred and fifty acres on section 33, whereon they are conducting general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. Both were born upon this farm; the former on the 20th of March, 1854, and the latter on the 31st of December, 1855. Their parents were Clabourn M. and Martha Ellen (Plasket) Carr, both natives of Clark county, Indiana. The father was born April 17, 1828. He was a son of Thomas J. Carr, who was born in Pennsylvania, and became one of the pioneer settlers of Indiana. With the history of Clark county his name became inseparably associated, for he was long an active and distinguished figure in the public life of the community, holding the office of county sheriff for four terms, and representing his district in the state legislature for two terms. He also won the title of colonel, by service in the state militia. He was the brother of General John Carr, who was a member of congress, representing the third district of Indiana. It was in Indiana that his son, Clabourn M. Carr was reared and, having arrived at years of maturity, wedded Martha E. Plasket, whose birth occurred March 9, 1831. She was but seven years of age when brought to Iowa, in 1838, by her father, Samuel Plasket, who cast in his lot with the settlers of the frontier and here spent his remaining days. The family bore all of the hardships and privations of pioneer life, and contributed in substantial measure to the early development and improvement of the region in which they made their home. About 1850, Clabourn M. Carr came to Jefferson county, and married the following year. He always devoted his energies to farming, but was called to his final rest when but a young man; passing away March 17, 1857, at the age of twenty-nine years. His political alle-

giance was given to the democratic party, and, always keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day, he took an active part in debating political themes. He was mentioned as a candidate for the general assembly, but death early terminated his career. His wife long survived him, passing away December 21, 1886. In their family were three children, of whom Thomas J., the eldest, died, leaving a widow and one child, Mont O., of Los Angeles, California.

The other sons, S. P. and C. M. Carr, have always resided upon the farm which is now their home. They attended the public schools and the Birmingham (Iowa) Academy; they were also early trained to the work of the fields, so that liberal experience qualified them to manage the farm when it came into their possession. This farm is an excellent tract of one hundred and fifty acres of valuable land, situated on section 33, Liberty township. It is devoted to the raising of diversified crops and, also, to stock-raising. In the latter connection, the brothers make a specialty of breeding Duroc Jersey hogs, and have become well known throughout the entire country, having made exhibitions and received premiums at many of the state fairs. Their hogs have been shipped from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Canada to, and including Mexico. They have been sent to many states of the Union for breeding purposes. Upon the home farm, the Carr brothers keep about twelve sows, and raise more than one hundred head of hogs, annually. In every respect their farm is well kept and highly improved. It includes a six-acre apple orchard which is the largest in Liberty township.

The Carr brothers give their political support to the republican party; C. M. Carr having served for several terms as township trustee. Both brothers take an active interest in politics and the success of their party. Religiously, they are active and official members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Bethel. As citizens and neighbors, they are regarded as most reliable and enterprising farmers. Straightforward in all their dealings, their activity in business and their honorable dealings in all the affairs of life have brought to them substantial success.

GEORGE E. STEPHENSON.

George E. Stephenson, one of the highly successful agriculturists of Lockridge township, is engaged in the operation of the farm where he was born on the 31st of January, 1872. His father, the late John Stephenson, was a native of England, his birth having occurred on the 21st of August, 1833. When he was a little lad he emigrated to the United States

with his parents who first located in the state of New York. Later they removed to Ohio, whence they went to Indiana, where they resided until 1842, in which year they came to Iowa, locating in Jefferson county. Soon after their arrival the father entered some land in Lockridge township, now known as Four Corners. He cleared and improved this property, applying himself with unremitting energy to its operation during the remainder of his life. John Stephenson, who was only a boy of nine years when his parents became residents of Jefferson county, finished his education in the district schools. When old enough to begin his independent career he purchased sixty-five acres of land in Lockridge township, that he cleared and placed under cultivation. Under his capable operation and management his fields netted such lucrative returns that he was able to extend the boundaries of his homestead until he had acquired one hundred and fifty-seven acres of excellent land. Here he made his home during the balance of his life, his demise occurring on the 17th of April, 1907. For a wife and helpmate Mr. Stephenson chose Miss Matilda Danielson, who was born in Sweden on the 7th of May, 1835. Mrs. Stephenson is still living at the age of seventy-six years and is residing on the old homestead in Lockridge township.

Reared on the farm where he was born, George E. Stephenson attended the district schools of the vicinity. While applying himself to the mastery of the elements of English learning he was also assisting his father in such capacities as his strength permitted in the work of the fields and care of the cattle. By the time he was old enough to discard his text-books, he was quite familiar with the practical methods of agriculture and fully qualified to relieve his father of the more arduous duties connected with the operation of the farm. He assumed greater responsibilities with the passing years and shortly prior to his father's death purchased the homestead, in the cultivation of which he has ever since been engaged. The tilling of the fields and care of the crops has always been given the personal supervision of Mr. Stephenson, whose efforts have been remunerated in a most gratifying manner. In connection with his general farming he is engaged in the raising of stock, and always keeps about twenty head of cattle and seven horses, while he annually raises forty hogs. He has wrought quite extensive improvements in the property during the period of his ownership and has increased his holdings by the addition of another ten acres.

On the 25th of October, 1899, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Stephenson and Miss Clara S. Cassel, a daughter of Andrew F. and Louisa (Peterson) Cassel. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson, Louise E., who is now eleven years of age.

The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his political allegiance Mr. Stephenson gives to the republican party. He has always taken a prominent part in the affairs of the township, having served as trustee, clerk and assessor, and, at the present time, is treasurer of the school board. In addition to his agricultural interests Mr. Stephenson is a stockholder and director of the Lockridge Savings Bank, and a member of the examining board, while he was formerly secretary and treasurer of the Four Corners Creamery, having been officially identified with this enterprise for five years. He is one of the progressive agriculturists of the county who uses as great discernment in the system and methods he employs in directing the affairs of his farm as he would employ in conducting a commercial enterprise, and to this ability must be attributed much of his success.

ADAM F. RAUSCHER.

Adam F. Rauscher, for many years engaged in general farming in Jefferson county, but now living retired in Lockridge, was born in Koenigsbach, Amt Durlach, grand duchy of Baden, Germany, on July 4, 1842. Mr. Rauscher is proud of the little Baden village in which he first saw the light of this world and wants his children to always keep in kind regard the place, wherefrom the family sprung, and which was the boyhood home of their father. His parents were Adam F. and Salme (Frantz) Rauscher, also natives of the fatherland. Adam F. Rauscher, who was a stone mason, together with his wife and family emigrated to the United States in 1854, arriving here in the month of April. He located in Pennsylvania, where he followed his trade until October of that year when he removed to Ohio. The family continued to reside in the Buckeye state until 1857 when they again started westward, Iowa being their destination. They settled in Story county, the father resuming his trade but as work was scarce he leased a farm, which he operated one season. He had a fine crop of corn, but the market was over supplied with this product and times were very hard, so he not only found it impossible to sell his grain but could not trade it. Necessity compelled him to again change his location, so he and his family went to Des Moines, where he found plenty of work at his trade. They remained in the capital city until the spring of 1860, when they came to Jefferson county and rented a farm in Lockridge township. The operation of this land he turned over to his children, while he worked at his trade until 1865 when he had accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to buy a farm on what is now known as "Four



ADAM F. RAUSCHER



MRS. ADAM F. RAUSCHER

Corners," Lockridge township. Withdrawing from his trade he devoted his entire attention to the cultivation of his homestead, upon which he resided until 1889, when he retired. For about seven years thereafter he made his home with his son Adam F., from whose home he went to live with a daughter in Fairfield, where he passed away on the 19th of December, 1898; the mother's death had occurred previously, in May, 1893.

The life record of Adam F. Rauscher had covered a period of twelve years when he emigrated from Germany to the United States with his parents. The greater part of his education was acquired in the fatherland, although while living in Ohio he attended the public school for one winter. He early began assisting his family, either by the contribution of his small earnings or aiding in the work of the farm. He remained a member of the parental household until he had attained his majority. At this stage he began for himself by hiring out as a farm hand. After working for a year in Jefferson county he went to Illinois where he continued to work at the same occupation until 1869. By means of close application, temperate habits and thrift he had accumulated the money necessary to enable him to buy ninety acres of land in Lockridge township, adjacent to his father's place. But eight acres of this tract was cleared, so he diligently applied himself to clearing and placing the remainder under cultivation, after which he split the rails for a fence about his land. He operated this place in connection with his father's ninety acres for several years, when he bought out the latter, making his holdings aggregate one hundred and eighty acres. He disposed of his farm in 1895 and went to Missouri, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres that he cultivated for eight years. At the expiration of that period he sold out and returned to Jefferson county, settling down in Lockridge, where he has ever since lived retired.

In August, 1870, Mr. Rauscher was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Kintz, a daughter of Christian and Barbara (Molis) Kintz, also natives of Germany. The father emigrated to the United States in 1836, first locating in Columbus, Ohio, where he remained for four years. In 1840 he came to Jefferson county and entered land in Walnut township. He immediately set about clearing and improving his property, continuing to add to his holdings from time to time, until he had acquired two hundred and fifteen acres. He continued to operate this place until his death on the 4th of May, 1892. The mother survived for five years thereafter, her demise occurring in September, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Rauscher were the parents of eight children, as follows: Frederick William, who is residing in Lockridge; Ernest Theo, who is engaged in farming in Lockridge township; Martha R., the wife of Henry Achenbach, a farmer of Iowa county; Henry M., who is an implement dealer in New London, Iowa; Herman R., who is engaged in the same business in Mount Sterling, Iowa; Karl L.,

who is a harness dealer in New London, Iowa; Christian A., manager of the Lumber Company of German Valley, Illinois; and Bertha C., who was born and died in 1877.

In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Rauscher are German Lutherans, and politically he is a democrat. His untiring energy and capable management enabled Mr. Rauscher to acquire a comfortable competence and he is now one of the stockholders and a director of the Lockridge Savings Bank. He is one of the many fine citizens Germany has given the United States, whose energies have been devoted to the developing and upbuilding of the great middle west.

WALTER S. CAMPBELL.

Walter S. Campbell, who has been postmaster of Batavia since 1907, is a native of the town, his birth having there occurred on the 4th of December, 1855, his parents being Joseph and Emma (Randolph) Campbell. The Campbells belong to one of the old colonial families of America, having been among the first settlers of Maryland. John and Mary Campbell, the great-grandparents of our subject, were both natives of Maryland, as was also their son Thomas. In his early manhood the latter removed to Pennsylvania, where he passed the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1880. There he met and married Sidney Wadsworth, a native of the Keystone state and a daughter of Joseph and Susan (Hartman) Wadsworth, who were also born and reared in Pennsylvania. Mr. Wadsworth, who served in the war of 1812, died while returning home from the battle of Lundy's Lane.

Joseph Campbell was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, where he was reared and educated. After leaving school he engaged in teaching in his native state, being successfully identified with this profession from 1848 until 1855, when, believing that the west afforded greater and better opportunities for a young man he came to Jefferson county, Iowa. The following winter he taught in Batavia and in 1857 made his first purchase of land. This consisted of one hundred and sixty acres in Wayne county, which he subsequently sold and bought a tract in Wapello county. He cultivated this for twelve years, but at the expiration of that period bought one hundred acres of improved land in Locust Grove township, this county, where he resided until his death. At East Liberty, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, occurred the marriage of Mr. Campbell to Miss Emma Randolph, in 1851. Mrs. Campbell was born in New Jersey and is a daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Girard) Randolph, natives of the same state where

for many years the father was engaged in the shoe business. He later removed to Pennsylvania, where he died in 1863; his wife, however, survived until 1884. After the death of her husband Mrs. Campbell continued to live on the homestead for two years, changing her residence to Albia, Iowa, where she made her domicile for five years. In 1910, she came to Batavia where she is now living with her daughter Miss Clara Campbell. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell numbered ten, of whom our subject is the second in order of birth, the others being as follows: Sarah J., the wife of T. C. Hall, a farmer of Smith county, Kansas; Annie Laura, wife of E. M. Parrett, a farmer of Locust Grove township, this county; Florence, married E. A. Long, who is engaged in the insurance business in Albia, Iowa; Ella, the wife of John Fansher, a farmer of Wapello county; Charles R., who is engaged in the coal business in Chicago; Alice, a teacher now living in New Jersey; Frank T., a furniture dealer and undertaker of Quincy, Washington; Mary, the wife of John Parrett, a farmer of Florence, Iowa; and Clara, who is living with her mother in Batavia. His political support Mr. Campbell gave to the whig party during his early years, his first presidential vote having been cast for General Taylor. When the whigs were absorbed by the republicans he was ever loyal to his early principles, remaining a staunch supporter of the men and measures of the younger party. He always took an active interest in educational matters and while serving on the school board was a prominent factor in promoting the efficiency of the various local educational institutions.

The early years in the life of Walter S. Campbell differ but in detail from those of the average youth reared in the country. He remained at home on the farm with his people until he was twenty-five years of age. His education was acquired in the district schools, during which time he was working on the fields and taking care of the stock. In 1880 he left the parental roof to make a start for himself, farming as a renter for five years thereafter. At the end of that time he moved westward to South Dakota, where he remained for a time, before he returned to Jefferson county and rented the old homestead. Later he bought a farm in Wapello county that he cultivated for two years, and disposing of the same he preempted some government land in the San Luis Valley.

After operating this tract for a year he came to Batavia and engaged in the grocery business with his sister, Mrs. Long. He was identified with mercantile pursuits for twelve years, when he traded for sixty acres of land in Locust Grove township. For two years he remained on his land, when returning to Batavia, he engaged in the grain business with Scott & Walker, as silent partner. December 19, 1907, he was appointed postmaster of Batavia, which at that time was a fourth-class office. He continued to be connected with the elevator for a year thereafter, when he

severed his connection with Scott & Walker, giving his entire attention to his duties to the post office, which on the 1st of October, 1910, was raised into the third-class rank. Mr. Campbell was reappointed by President Taft in 1910, and continues to be the incumbent of the office, the duties of which he has discharged with an efficiency that meets with the approval of the general community.

On December 18, 1879, occurred the marriage of Mr. Campbell and Miss Ida Frisbe, a daughter of Miles S. and Hannah (Housel) Frisbe. Her father was a native of Ohio, a descendant of Connecticut ancestry, his father having come from that state to the Western Reserve in Ohio during the pioneer days. The mother was also born in the Western Reserve, but of German extraction, as the name suggests. Mr. Frisbe, who was a merchant, came to Iowa in the late '50s, locating in Batavia, where for a number of years he was engaged in the restaurant business. He passed away in 1901. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, the eldest of whom, Roy Ernest, and the fourth in order of birth, a twin, died in infancy. In order of birth the others are as follows: Jessie L., who married H. L. Whitmore, a farmer of Locust Grove township, and who has one son, Donald; Myrtle L., who became the wife of Guy McNeil, a farmer of Des Moines township; and Raymond W., the last in order of birth and a twin, who is keeping books in Morrell's Packing House at Ottumwa and is married to Miss Bessie Brawley, of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the faith of which denomination they reared their family. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic order, being identified with Kilwinning Lodge, No. 198, A. F. & A. M., while Mrs. Campbell is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. He is also an Odd Fellow, belonging to Ohio Lodge, No. 120, I. O. O. F. His political support he gives to the Republican party, and for several years served as township clerk in Locust Grove, having the distinction of being the first republican elected to that office, by a heavily democratic constituency. Both Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are widely known in Batavia and vicinity where they have many friends.

ISAAC ARCHIBALD.

Isaac Archibald, a retired farmer now living in Glasgow, belongs to the rapidly thinning ranks of those who donned the blue and so valiantly defended the Union during the early '60s. He was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, on the 24th of October, 1836, and is a son of Benjamin and Nancy (Hall) Archibald. The parents were also natives of Ohio, where

the father was employed on the river boats until 1847 when he removed to Iowa, locating in Jefferson county. Upon his arrival here he settled on a hundred and sixty acres of land at Coal Port, Lockridge township, that he had subsequently purchased. But fifteen acres of this was cleared and after erecting such buildings as were essential for the immediate comfort of the family, he applied himself to clearing and operating his land. He resided here for some time, then disposing of his property purchased an eighty-acre tract in Round Prairie township that he operated for a time. This he also subsequently sold and went to Birmingham, where he lived for a year. At the expiration of that time he bought a farm in Davis county, this state, that he improved and cultivated until his death in 1875. The mother passed away in 1837, while the family were residents of Ohio.

His introduction to the rudiments of English learning Isaac Archibald obtained in the common schools of his native state, where he spent the first eleven years of his life. This was later supplemented by further study in the district schools of Jefferson county, which he attended until it was considered he had sufficient knowledge to enable him to assume the heavier responsibilities of life. As he was a youth of eleven when he removed to the farm with his father, he was sufficiently developed to assist in the work of the fields and care of the stock, so by the time he had attained his maturity he was well qualified for the duties of an agriculturist. He left home when he was twenty-one and went to work in a sawmill, remaining there one year. At the end of that time he returned to country life in the capacity of a farm hand, following that occupation until 1862, when he enlisted in Company D, Thirty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He remained at the front from the period of his enlistment until the close of hostilities, then returned to Iowa and went to work on the railroad. This work promised but a vague and unsatisfactory future, so he once more returned to agricultural pursuits, this time as a renter. He continued to follow farming in this county until 1891, meeting with such lucrative returns from the tilling of his fields and stock-raising that he was able to retire. Removing to Glasgow he purchased a nice residence and an acre of ground, and is now enjoying the well earned rest made possible by the thrift and industry of his earlier years.

On the 1st of January, 1868, Mr. Archibald was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Paxton, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Farley) Paxton, the father a native of Indiana and the mother of Pennsylvania. Mr. Paxton came to Henry county, Iowa, in the early '50s and bought and improved a farm that he operated for a good many years. The latter years of his life were spent in retirement in Rome, where he passed away in 1872. The mother survived him until 1891. Mr. Paxton was another of those who responded to his country's call during the Civil war, by enlist-

ing and going to the front where he remained until the restoration of peace. Mr. and Mrs. Archibald were the parents of four children: Cora B., the widow of Charles Anderson, who is living in Fairfield; Ross, who is now forty-one years of age and a resident of Burlington; Minnie L., twenty-seven years of age, the wife of Henry Bartin, a farmer of Henry county; and Jesse M., who is thirty-two years of age, a resident of Oskaloosa, where he is following the barber trade.

In matters of faith both Mr. and Mrs. Archibald are Methodist and politically he is a republican. He has always maintained relations with his comrades of the field through the medium of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is affiliated with the Pierce Post of Glasgow. Mr. Archibald's residence in Jefferson county covers a period of sixty-four years, the time of its greatest progress and highest development. He has been the interested observer of the many notable changes that have accompanied the introduction of modern inventions and conveniences, revolutionizing both commercial and industrial as well as agricultural methods. Despite his seventy-five years he is still active, and takes a keen interest in all the affairs of the day, while he is ever ready to relate one of his many reminiscences of the war or the pioneer days in Iowa.

HON. JAMES P. STARR.

Hon. James P. Starr, mayor of Fairfield and one of the leading attorneys of the city, has resided in Jefferson county for only a brief period but already his merit and ability have gained for him high and well deserved success. He was born in Fairmount, Clark county, Missouri, November 3, 1869, his parents being Robert H. and Mary C. (Smith) Starr, who were natives of Berks county, Pennsylvania, the father born April 16, 1840, and the mother on the 4th of April, 1846. The Starr family comes from a long line of Quaker ancestry, the progenitor of the family being John Starr, who resided at Old Castle, County Meath, Ireland. His sons and daughters came to the new world between 1674 and 1697, settling in the colony of Pennsylvania. The representatives of the name remained connected with the Society of Friends or Quakers until the grandparents of our subject left that church. Moses Starr, the son of John Starr, the progenitor, was one of the first settlers of Berks county, Pennsylvania, and was the first representative from that county to the provincial assembly.

The youthful days of Robert H. Starr were spent in the Keystone state and later he continued his education in the high school at Alliance, Ohio.

He was on a visit to a sister in Illinois when he enlisted for active service in the Civil war in August, 1861, as a member of Company K, Thirty-sixth Illinois Infantry, continuing with that command until January 6, 1865, when he was honorably discharged because of disability occasioned by a gun-shot wound in the right leg, making amputation necessary. Prior to the war both the Starr and Smith families had removed to northeastern Missouri and it was after his service at the front that Robert H. Starr and Mary C. Smith were married, their wedding being celebrated on Christmas Day of 1865. They continued their residence in Clark county, Missouri, until 1874, when they removed to Keosauqua, Van Buren county, Iowa, where the father died in 1901. The mother continued a resident of that place until 1906, when she returned to her old home in Clark county, Missouri, and is now living in Kahoka. During the period of his residence in Clark county, Missouri, Robert H. Starr filled the office of county treasurer. Taking up the study of law he was admitted to the bar of that state in February, 1874, and in 1875 was licensed to practice before the bar of Iowa, continuing as an active follower of the profession until a few months prior to his death. He was prominent in the public affairs of the community in which he made his home after coming to this state and for two terms served as mayor of Keosauqua, manifesting the same loyalty and fidelity in the discharge of the duties of citizenship as he displayed when upon southern battlefields he followed the stars and stripes. He held membership with the Grand Army of the Republic and gave his political support to the republican party. Unto him and his wife were born ten children who are yet living: Phoebe H., the wife of H. E. Meredith, of Victor, Iowa; Julia E., the wife of C. W. Wiley, a resident of Keosauqua; James P.; Belle L., the wife of C. L. Kerr, of Kahoka, Missouri; Ida L., the wife of H. L. McLeland, residing at Palisade, Nebraska; Bethel, the wife of J. F. Dweedy, of Lucerne, Wyoming; Anna L., the wife of A. G. Lazenby, living at Keosauqua; Lottie V., the wife of Hugh F. Tweedy, of Montrose, Iowa; and Charles L. and William P., twins, living at Kahoka, Missouri.

James P. Starr was a lad of five years when his parents removed from Missouri to Keosauqua, Iowa, where he pursued his education in the public schools. He afterward attended the law college of the State University and was admitted to the bar in 1892. He then entered upon active practice with his father at Keosauqua, the professional relationship between them continuing until the father's death save for a period of four years, from 1893 until 1897, when James P. Starr was deputy clerk of Van Buren county. Following his father's demise he formed a partnership with J. C. Calhoun, of Keosauqua, under the firm name of Starr & Calhoun, this relationship being maintained until Mr. Starr removed to Fair-

field in December, 1906. Here he has continued in the general practice of law alone and the reputation which he had already gained in the practice of law in this state was sufficient to introduce him to the public here as an able lawyer. From the beginning he has enjoyed a large practice and now divides his time between this and his duties as mayor of the city. He was appointed Fairfield's chief executive in October, 1910, following the resignation of Dr. J. F. Clark, and in March, 1911, was elected to the office for a full term, so that he is the present mayor of the city to which he is giving a businesslike administration. His recommendations to the council have been of a practical character and have looked to the future as well as the present interests of the city.

On the 3d of March, 1893, Mr. Starr was united in marriage to Miss Chloe Fellows, who was born near Keosauqua, Iowa, April 25, 1874, a daughter of S. D. and Ann (Bowen) Fellows, who were among the pioneer settlers of Van Buren county and now reside at Fairfield. Mr. and Mrs. Starr have become parents of four children, Helen M., Keo F., Io M. and James Carleton.

For sixteen years Mr. Starr has been a valued member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and for some years has also held membership in the Christian church in which he is now serving as deacon. He has been a life-long republican and is allied with the progressive movement of that party which resents the unlimited domination of the few over the many and seeks rather the expression of popular opinion in the attainment of good government. He has been a close student of science and the times and is well versed in the questions of the day not only political but also sociological and economic. He is a man of action rather than of theory and his work never has its root in hasty judgment, either in his public service or in his practice before the bar.

THOMAS M. RIDER.

In a history of Jefferson county mention should be made of Thomas M. Rider, not only because he is one of the few surviving veterans of the Civil war but also because he is a representative of a family which has long been identified with the growth and development of this section of the state. He was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1838, a son of Daniel and Ann (McCall) Rider. The parents were also natives of the Keystone state, the father's birth occurring in Fayette county, in November, 1808, and the mother's in Washington county, October 10, 1810, and in the latter county they were united in marriage. The

father first came to Iowa alone in the spring of 1846 and, being greatly impressed with the natural resources of the state and the opportunities offered for advancement in the agricultural field, returned with his family in the following year for permanent settlement. Here he entered a quarter section of land in Jefferson county, being the southwest quarter of section 3, township 72, range 10, and here he made his home until death claimed him. In early life he had learned the tanner's trade and throughout most of his business career he followed that trade in connection with agricultural pursuits. He was also extensively interested in real-estate operations, handling a large amount of property and spending twelve years in locating lands. In this connection he located Sioux City, Iowa, purchasing the site from a Frenchman. All such trips were made on horseback for the work of railroad construction west of the Mississippi river was yet in its infancy and was limited to one or two main lines connecting only the principle cities of the commonwealth. Politically he was a democrat and ere coming to Iowa had taken an active part in the public life of his native state, serving under General Jackson as postmaster at Claysville, Washington county, Pennsylvania, and representing his district in the Pennsylvania legislature, serving for two terms as a member of the lower house. He also manifested deep interest in the affairs of his adopted state and was the democratic candidate for the office of treasurer of Jefferson county but was defeated, owing to the minority of the party in this section. He served as master of the Grange here and held membership in the Lutheran church, in the faith of which he passed away on the 8th of December, 1893, and in his death Jefferson county lost one of its early and most influential citizens. He had survived his wife for more than two decades, her demise occurring on the 10th of October, 1872. They had become the parents of seven children. Mary Jane, the eldest, married Washington Miller and is now deceased. George L. is a resident of Creston, Iowa. Ann Maria became the wife of Andrew Simons and they are both deceased. Thomas M., of this review, is the fourth in order of birth. Emeline married Madison Black and she has also passed away. Henry, who is married and has two children, is successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits in Center township. William T., the youngest, now makes his home in Los Angeles, California.

Thomas M. Rider, whose name introduces this review, was a lad of nine years when he came with his parents to Iowa, and within its borders he has continued to reside since that time with the exception of three years spent at the front and two and a half years later on in Wyoming. As a boy he had taken a trip through Illinois and Indiana with the view of seeing the country, but he returned to Iowa convinced that this state offered equal if not superior advantages in the field of agriculture, which line of

activity he had determined to make his life work. He assisted his father for a time in the cultivation of the home farm and on the 2d of August, 1862, enlisted for service in the Civil war, espousing the cause of the Union. He joined Company I, Seventy-second Indiana Volunteer Mounted Infantry and with that regiment served for three years except when sent with special detailed parties. He took part in many important engagements, the principal one being the battle of Chickamauga, and went on several raiding expeditions as a member of the famous Wilder Brigade. After the close of hostilities he was mustered out, receiving honorable discharge, and returned home with a military record of which he has every reason to be proud.

When Mr. Rider again took up the pursuits of civil life he at once began farming on a portion of his father's property and is now the owner of one hundred and forty-four acres of the old home place, located on section 3, Center township. He also has twenty acres of timber land on section 16 and has recently returned from a sojourn of two and a half years in Wyoming, where he purchased a half section of land and now is the owner of an entire section there. His home place is a well improved property, equipped with all of the modern accessories for facilitating farm labor, and in its operation Mr. Rider is meeting with substantial success for he has ever manifested in the conduct of his affairs that close application, enterprise and perseverance so necessary for success in any walk of life.

Mr. Rider was married, on the 26th of March, 1873, to Miss Belle M. Regester, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, on the 2d of May, 1853, a daughter of Aaron H. and Lavina (Greenfield) Regester. Her parents, who were both natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania, came to Iowa on the 26th of March, 1867, locating first in Henry county, and in 1876 they arrived in Jefferson county. Here they both passed away in March, 1891, their deaths occurring only four days apart, the father's when he was sixty-five years and the mother's when sixty-three years of age. In their family were two daughters, the sister of Mrs. Rider being Mrs. Emma Crawford, a widow who resides at the Rider home. To our subject and his wife were born three children, namely: Harry W., of Jefferson county; Zella B., the wife of J. H. Copeland, of Center township, this county; and Warren A., operating his father's ranch in Wyoming. Mr. Rider belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and maintains his friendship for old army comrades as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a stalwart supporter of democratic principles and at one time was the candidate on that party ticket for the office of sheriff of Jefferson county but was defeated. He is a man well known throughout the district in which he resides, not only as one of the early residents here

but also because of his straightforward business dealings and his honorable, upright character. He merits the confidence and regard of all who know him and is numbered among the most substantial and respected citizens of the county.

WILLIAM WATKINS LEWIS.

William Watkins Lewis, who for the past three years has been manager of the Batavia Brick & Tile Company, was born in Harrison county, Ohio, on the 22d of February, 1861. In the paternal line he is of English extraction, his father, Aaron C. Lewis, having been born and reared in Nova Scotia, but his mother, who bore the maiden name of Phoebe Rickey, was a native of the United States, while the maternal grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. After the completion of his education Aaron C. Lewis learned the harness maker's trade, but he subsequently devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. In the early days of the Civil war he enlisted as a private in the Ninety-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, remaining in the service for three years and eight months. During that period he participated in many prominent battles, among the most notable of which was that of Lookout Mountain. In 1876 he brought his wife and family to Iowa, locating on a farm near Marengo, Iowa county. There he continued to reside until his death on the 1st of July, 1900. The mother survived for fifteen years thereafter, her demise occurring at Williamsburg, Iowa county.

Reared on a farm in the acquirement of his early education William Watkins Lewis attended the district schools, the course therein pursued being supplemented by further study in the public schools of Uhrichsville, Ohio. He was a youth of fifteen years when he removed to Iowa with his parents, with whom he continued to reside for two years thereafter, when he began his career as a wage earner. For some years thereafter he followed various pursuits, but having always been very fond of machinery and possessing considerable mechanical skill he subsequently became identified with the Milwaukee Harvester Company. He continued in their service for several years, during four of which he was their traveling representative in eastern Iowa. In 1895 he became engaged in the brick and tile business as manager and part owner of the Williamsburg Brick & Tile Company of Williamsburg, Iowa. He was identified with this enterprise for thirteen years, at the expiration of which time he removed to Batavia to assume the management of the Batavia Brick & Tile Company. Under his capable supervision this concern has made steady

and permanent progress until it now gives employment to fifteen workmen. They have three large kilns, their daily output averaging eight thousand pieces, based on a four-inch drain tile size. Their plant is most conveniently located on the main line and the Fort Madison branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, thus affording them excellent shipping facilities. Although they manufacture brick and building blocks, their principal output is drain tile of which they have always made a specialty.

Mr. Lewis was married on the 14th of November, 1891, to Miss Nettie E. Long, a daughter of Albert M. and Julia (McLeod) Long, residents of Williamsburg, Iowa. There the father passed away in 1899, but the mother still survives and now makes her home with her daughter Mrs. Lillian Hanaford of Williamsburg. To Mr. and Mrs. Lewis there have been born four daughters: Flossie and Maude, twins, who graduated from the high school of Williamsburg in June, 1911, and the following autumn entered Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa; and Alberta and Mazie, both of whom are attending the public schools of Batavia.

The family affiliate with the Presbyterian church, of which both Mrs. Lewis and the two eldest daughters are members. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias of Williamsburg. In matters politic Mr. Lewis has always been an ardent supporter of the men and measures of the republican party, and while he was living in Williamsburg served for ten years as a member of the town council. During the period of his residence in Batavia Mr. Lewis has become recognized as a prominent factor in the business life of the town, while both he and his family hold an excellent social position.

ANDREW E. QUICK.

Andrew E. Quick, a native son of Jefferson county, Iowa, was born in Lockridge township January 14, 1872. His parents came from Sweden in 1865 and located in Jefferson county, Iowa, where Mr. Quick, a stone mason by trade, followed his calling for many years until he bought land in Lockridge township and engaged in farming, which he has pursued ever since. He is now sixty-eight years old. His wife died July 3, 1880.

In the district schools of his native township Andrew E. Quick was given the usual education. This he supplemented with a course at a business college. He began his career as a business man assisting Mr. Samuelson, who later became his brother-in-law, in the restaurant conducted by him at Fairfield, Iowa. In this occupation Andrew E. Quick continued

for five years, when he was married and engaged in farming. He first rented a farm operating it about ten years. He then bought a farm of eighty acres in Lockridge township, which he has since developed and greatly improved. He is now building a large, modernly equipped barn upon it. When he commenced farming he had only two hundred and fifty dollars in his possession and with this he had to meet the necessary expenses of the equipment. Through self-denial and thrift he soon added to his little store and found his returns steadily increasing until now he owns a finely improved tract of land in addition to which he operates fifteen acres of rented land, yielding him an income sufficient to enable him to provide a very comfortable living for his family. He raises thirty head of hogs a year, keeps twelve head of cattle and four horses.

Andrew E. Quick was united in wedlock with Miss Anna L. Samuelson of Four Corners, Lockridge township, a daughter of Gustave and Clara G. (Swanson) Samuelson. She was born May 26, 1874, in Lockridge township. Her parents were natives of Sweden, her father having come to this country in 1869. His occupation was farming and this he pursued buying a farm in Lockridge township. He did not live long enough to establish himself in his career in this country, for he passed away in 1873. Mrs. Samuelson died January 29, 1907.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Quick, namely: Carl E., born August 12, 1901; Helen Marie Louise, aged eight, born December 20, 1903; Clara M. V., aged six, born August 29, 1905; and Florence Doretha, aged three, born March 2, 1908.

Mr. Quick and his wife worship in the Lutheran church in which he holds several important offices. In his political sympathies he is a republican, never failing to exercise his privileges of citizenship in the matter of voting for men and measures in accordance with the best interests of the commonwealth. He is a school director and the president of the board, devoting his energies to the advancement of improved educational facilities that will give the coming generations of rural school children a better chance than their fathers have had.

JOHN LOCKE.

Probably no citizen of Cedar township was held in higher esteem or was a more important factor in promoting its development than John Locke, who for more than fifty years was engaged in the cultivation of his homestead on section 34. He was born in County Antrim, Ireland, on August 13, 1829, and was of Scotch-Irish descent. His parents were

John and Elizabeth (McDowell) Locke, likewise natives of County Antrim, where they spent their entire lives. The father, who was a farmer, was employed on the Kilwaughter estate until his death at the age of sixty-three years.

After the completion of his preliminary education, John Locke was sent to the Agricultural School at Glasnevin, near Dublin, in order to qualify himself for the vocation of farming. He was a most excellent pupil and was awarded a very creditable recommendation from the faculty upon his graduation. Owing to the high standard of his record and his trustworthiness, after leaving school he was placed in charge of the model farm, maintained in his home district for the benefit of the farming community. He filled this position in a most efficient manner and was retained there until he resigned to come to America. An ambitious young man, naturally he was not satisfied with the limited advantages afforded for advancement in his native land, and decided to come to the United States, where he felt confident he would find opportunities more commensurate with his abilities. In the fall of 1854 with his young wife he sailed for the new world, coming by way of New Orleans. They came up the Mississippi by boat to Fort Keokuk, thence to Jefferson county, spending their first winter in America in Fairfield. In the spring of 1855 Mr. Locke bought two hundred and forty acres of land on section 34, Cedar township, upon which they settled. He was very successful in his undertakings, being thoroughly qualified as both a farmer and stockman by reason of his splendid training and practical experience in Ireland. Farming was to him both a profession and a business, and he used as much system and method in the direction of his affairs as he would have employed had he been conducting a commercial or industrial enterprise. He applied himself energetically to the operation of his land, making such improvements as he was able, until at the time of his death he was the owner of one of the most highly cultivated and valuable farms in the township.

In County Antrim, Ireland, on the 28th of December, 1853, Mr. Locke was united in marriage to Miss Mary McDowell, who was born and reared in that county and was a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Drummond) McDowell, also natives of County Antrim, and of Scotch-Irish extraction. They were the parents of four children. Samuel, who was the only son, is operating a farm at Dowds, Van Buren county. He married Maude D. Cole, a daughter of John W. Cole of Birmingham, Iowa, and they have three daughters: Mary Everella and Maude Eleanor, who are twins; and Elizabeth Edith. The next two, Mary Ellen and Jane, have been operating the old homestead, which now contains two hundred acres, ever since the death of their father. They lease all of the land that is under cultivation, but

retain the pasture and raise cattle and hogs, in which they are meeting with success, being very capable women. They give everything about the place their personal supervision and their's is one of the best kept up and most attractive farms in the community. Miss Jane is one of the well known school teachers of Jefferson county, having been identified with this profession from her very early girlhood until two years ago. She received her first certificate after completing the district school and taught one term before entering the academy at Birmingham. She then taught for three years and at the expiration of that time pursued a teacher's course in the Western Normal College at Shenandoah, Iowa. During the succeeding three years she taught a country school in Mills county, then went to Emerson, Iowa, where she taught for three years. From there she came to the public schools of Fairfield, remaining a year; five years in district No. 1 of Liberty township followed. She next took charge of the school in her home district, which she taught until two years ago. She was very successful in her chosen field of activity and is well known among the profession in this county. The youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Locke, Elizabeth, married S. N. Stonebreaker, a farmer of Van Buren county, and they have had seven children: Samuel Leonard; John Locke; Mary Harriet, who is deceased; Opal Dewey; Cecil Blanch; Newton Brown; and Margaret Eleanor. Mr. Locke's death, which occurred on the 16th of July, 1906, was the occasion of deep and wide-spread mourning in Cedar township, where he was regarded as a most estimable citizen, having proven loyal to every trust both in public and private life. He was survived for more than two years by his widow, who passed away on the homestead where they had lived for so many years, on November 22, 1908.

In his political views Mr. Locke was a democrat, and for ten years he served as assessor in Cedar township. He was first elected on the democratic ticket, but refusing the nomination of that party for a longer period his friends nominated him on the independent ticket and he was elected. This was a great tribute to the man and his popularity in his community, as he had proven so efficient that he carried a large part of the democratic and republican support. He also served for several terms as justice of the peace, and as a school director in Union township, No. 1, of Van Buren county, which was an attached district, while for many years he was a member of the board of taxation of Cedar township. He possessed high standards of the responsibilities of citizenship, and despite the exactions of his personal interests, always found time to meet the public duties he deemed it his function to discharge. As an official he manifested the same sense of conscientious obligation as characterized him in every relation of life both public and private. During a residence that

covered a period of more than half a century, Mr. Locke was faithful to every trust reposed in him, meeting the duties of citizenship by indorsing every progressive movement the adoption of which seemed to assure the community welfare or the development of the public utilities. In matters of faith both he and his wife were Unitarians, and were affiliated with the church of that denomination in their native country. Both Mr. Locke and his family have always been held in the highest respect in the community, where his children were born and reared and continue to number among their friends the best people in the township.

ANDREW W. ANDERSON.

Andrew W. Anderson, who for many years was identified with agricultural pursuits in Jefferson county, was one of the estimable citizens Sweden has furnished Iowa. His birth occurred on the 14th of February, 1856, his parents being Karl and Mary C. (Anderson) Anderson, also natives of Sweden. The father engaged in farming in his native land until 1877 when he and his wife emigrated to the United States. During the early months of his residence here he worked at various occupations by the day, subsequently obtaining a position in a section crew on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. He was accidentally killed while at his work by a passing train, about 1879. The mother later married Joseph Peterson and continues to make her home in Lockridge.

The first sixteen years of his life Andrew W. Anderson spent amid the scenes of his birth, obtaining his education in the common schools of his native land. An ambitious, energetic lad, he was not content with conditions in the old country and from his earliest youth directed his efforts toward acquiring sufficient money to bring him to America, the land, as he felt, not only of promise but of fulfillment. His dream was realized in 1872 and he crossed the Atlantic with the United States as his destination. Upon his arrival here he made his way inland to Jefferson county, where an uncle, John Anderson, owned and operated a farm located in Lockridge township. He immediately obtained employment by the month as a farm hand, and for many years was in the service of Mr. John Heron. He never forgot his parents in the old country and sent them a portion of his wages each month until they, too, were able to become citizens of the new world. By means of industry and thrift he eventually accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to begin operations for himself and he rented the farm of John Anderson, which he cultivated for two years. Intense and attentive cultivation proved so remunerative under his capable



MR. AND MRS. ANDREW W. ANDERSON

supervision that he was in a position at the expiration of that period to buy eighty acres of land in Round Prairie township. He continued to operate this place until 1901, and in April of that year he sold his farm and moving to Lockridge purchased one and a quarter acres of land, upon which he erected a fine residence. There he lived, retired, enjoying the ease and comfort provided by the fruits of his early toil, until he passed away on Thursday, February 24, 1910.

For his wife Mr. Anderson chose Miss Carrie D. Reeder, to whom he was united on March 27, 1884. Mrs. Anderson is a daughter of Lewis and Sarah S. (Shanberger) Reeder, natives of Germany. The father emigrated to this country in a very early day, first locating in Pennsylvania whence he later removed to Jefferson county, where he bought and operated a farm during the remainder of his active life. In 1885 he retired to Lockridge and there he passed away four years later at the age of seventy-seven years. Mrs. Reeder had passed the eighty-seventh milestone on life's journey at the time of her demise on October 4, 1907. The father was one of the prominent citizens of the county, always having taken an active part in all political affairs, and for some years represented his district in the state assembly.

Mr. Anderson always gave his political support to the republican party, but was too deeply engrossed in the development of his private interests to figure as candidate for any public office in his township. He was an earnest member of the Lutheran church, as is also his widow, who numbers among the members of its congregation many friends of long years standing.

ARTHUR G. JORDAN.

Arthur G. Jordan, who since 1895 has engaged in the practice of law in Fairfield, his native city, was born January 24, 1873, a son of A. S. and Ada M. (Jordan) Jordan, who are still residents of Fairfield where they have long made their home. Their family numbered but two children and the daughter, Nellie E., still resides with her parents.

The only son, Arthur G. Jordan, has spent his entire life in his native city and at the usual age entered the public schools, passing through consecutive grades until he became a high school student. Later he continued his literary course in Parsons College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1893. In preparation for a professional career he spent one year in the law school of the University of Wisconsin and afterward completed his law studies in the office of a Fairfield attor-

ney. Following his admission to the bar in the fall of 1895 he at once entered upon practice here and in the field of his profession has made continuous advancement because of devotion to his clients' interests, his careful and systematic preparation of his cases and the clear and logical manner in which he presents his points of evidence. For two terms he has filled the office of county attorney, entering upon the duties of that position in 1899 for a two years' term. He received public indorsement of his work in reelection which continued him in the position through 1902.

The pleasant home life of Mr. Jordan had its foundation in his marriage, in 1904, to Miss Mary Marcy, who was born in Fairfield in 1875 and is a daughter of John and Mary (Whittaker) Marcy, who are still residents of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan have many friends in Fairfield where they have always resided and the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them. In politics he has been a republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and has been active in the work of the county, serving for four years as chairman of the county central committee. The cause of education also finds in him a stanch champion and he is now acting as a member of the board of trustees of Parsons College. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and to the Congregational church and his record has at all times been that of a progressive citizen and honorable man, his influence being ever on the side of right, justice, truth and improvement.

JOHN G. COCHRAN.

A resident of Jefferson county all his life, John G. Cochran has been associated with agricultural interests in this locality since he was old enough to follow a calling. He was born in Round Prairie township, Jefferson county, in April, 1845. His father, John Cochran, was a native of Ireland and came to this country in his youth, settling in Ohio where he operated a farm for a number of years. He was married to Mary Gregg, a native of Pennsylvania. In 1840, at the age of thirty-seven years, he came to Jefferson county, Iowa, and bought land from the government in Round Prairie township. This he cleared and improved, continuing his work in the fields until death claimed him, in 1876. His wife survived him eleven years, dying in 1887.

Brought up amid the familiar scenes which he has known all his life, John G. Cochran was educated in the district schools of his native locality. He remained with his parents until their death, when he came into pos-

session of the home place of two hundred and five acres. This he improved and operated with success until 1891, when he sold one hundred and sixty-five acres of this tract, keeping about forty acres adjoining the town of Glasgow. Engaged in the operation of this moderate sized farm, he is sufficiently occupied to fill his days with profitable labor and has accumulated a competence which enables him to live in bountiful comfort.

In December, 1880, Mr. Cochran was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Butler, a daughter of Stephen and Elsie (Smith) Butler, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Illinois. Mr. Butler came to Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1852 and he bought a tract of land comprising eighty acres which he operated for a time, subsequently trading farms with a friend. He then sold out his holdings and removed to Harrison county, Iowa, where he resided until his death, November 16, 1881. His wife passed away three years later. Mr. and Mrs. Cochran are the parents of two children: Harry S., aged thirty years, who resides at home; and Elsie B., aged twenty-seven years, the wife of Arnold V. Murray, who is connected with a wholesale drug concern and resides in Ottumwa, Iowa. They have two children: Arnold V., Jr., aged six years and Mildred E., aged five. Mr. Cochran is affiliated with the republican party and has always given his loyal support to the men and measures that serve the best interests of his community and was called upon to fill the office of trustee of this township. He and his wife subscribe to the tenets of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which they are attendants. He is well known throughout the county in which his long record of industry and thrift has won him the respect of all who know him.

CLARKSON ASHMEAD.

One by one the soldiers of the Civil war answer to the last roll call and pass on to join the greater army of the boys in blue, who have gone before. Clarkson Ashmead was among those who were spared to enjoy for many years the peace and prosperity which came to the country following the cessation of hostilities between the north and the south. Patriotism ever remained one of his dominant qualities, for he was as loyal to his country in times of peace as he was when he followed the nation's starry banner on the battlefields of the south. His birth occurred in Washington county, Pennsylvania, June 8, 1829, his parents being Samuel and Abigail (Milleson) Ashmead, who were natives of Maryland and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father was a farmer by occupation and for many

years cultivated a tract of land in the Keystone state but in 1855 he left the east and came to Iowa, settling in Jefferson county. He purchased and improved a farm in Cedar township, continuing its cultivation until his death, and his wife also passed away upon the old homestead.

Clarkson Ashmead came to Jefferson county with his parents when a young man of twenty-six years. He had acquired his education in the schools of Pennsylvania and had afterward learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked until he came to Iowa. He then took up farming in connection with his father and following the latter's death, he rented a farm, which he operated for a year. At the end of that time he went to Missouri, where he purchased an improved tract of land, making his home thereon for ten years. He returned to Iowa and purchased a farm near Brookville, to the further development and cultivation of which he devoted his energies until 1901, when his children having married and left home and his own health being somewhat impaired he retired from the farm and removed to Fairfield, where his remaining days were passed, his death occurring in February, 1903. As an agriculturist he had labored diligently and untiringly and had converted the once wild prairie into a productive tract, gathering large harvests as a reward of his persistent and practical methods. He kept everything about the place in a state of good repair and neatness, and thrift pervaded every part of the farm.

On the 8th of January, 1852, Mr. Ashmead was married to Miss Jane McCutcheon, a daughter of John and Margaret (McCutcheon) McCutcheon, who though of the same name were not relatives. The father was born in Ireland and the mother in Pennsylvania. When he was but twelve years of age the family came to the new world, settling in the Keystone state, where he secured employment in the iron works of Pittsburg. Later he engaged in farming for a number of years and was a resident of that part of the country up to the time of his death, which occurred in the city of Pittsburg. His wife passed away in Brownsville, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Ashmead were born five children, two of whom died in Pennsylvania in infancy. Those still living are: Benson C., a resident farmer of Davis county, Iowa; Addie May, the wife of Moses B. Shelby, a resident farmer of the state of Washington; and Uel J., who is also engaged in farming in Washington.

While Mr. Ashmead devoted the greater part of his life to general agricultural pursuits he allowed nothing to interfere with what he considered his duty to his country in the dark days of the Civil war. Responding to the call for aid he enlisted as a member of Company E, Thirteenth Iowa Infantry and the hardships and rigors of war were such that his health became undermined and his death was really the result of his military experience. He held membership in the Grand Army of the

Republic in connection with the post at Batavia and he thus enjoyed meeting with his old comrades. He always voted with the republican party and his religious faith was that of the Methodist church, to which his wife and family belonged. For many years he was a resident of Jefferson county and his good qualities were recognized by all with whom he came in contact. He worked earnestly and persistently in the cultivation and improvement of his farm, was ever willing to give his support to progressive measures for the benefit of the community and at all times cast his influence on the side of right, justice and truth. Mrs. Ashmead still survives her husband and now resides in a pleasant home, at No. 406 West Briggs street in Fairfield.

JOSEPH S. DROZ.

Joseph S. Droz, who makes his home on section 27, Cedar township, is one of the representative citizens and successful agriculturists of Jefferson county, owning two hundred and ninety acres of valuable land. His birth occurred in that township on the 18th of December, 1860, his parents being John and Julia (Palm) Droz. The father, whose natal day was June 23, 1836, was born and reared in Alsace, France, and was a son of John B. Droz, who served as commissioner of public highways in his home district in France. In 1858 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, taking up his abode among the pioneer settlers of Jefferson county, Iowa. He and his brother Joseph, who is now a resident of Fairfield, first worked at grubbing, receiving fifty cents a day and paying their own board. They also cut stove wood for a remuneration of thirty cents per day and their dinners. Carefully saving his earnings, John Droz at length accumulated five hundred dollars and in 1870 purchased a tract of land comprising fifty-one acres in Cedar township. Subsequently he purchased a farm of seventy-one acres on section 33, Cedar township, where the family home was maintained from 1873 until 1891. In 1872 he erected the old cabin now standing on the property, hewing out the logs which he used in its construction. In 1891 John Droz took up his abode on the place where his son Alex now resides, while at the present time he lives on a homestead of eighty acres on section 26, Cedar township. That he prospered in his undertakings as an agriculturist is indicated by the fact that at the time of his retirement, fifteen years ago, he owned four hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land. It was in Cedar township, in 1860, that he wedded Miss Julia Palm, who on the 18th of May, 1911, met with an accident which caused instant death. She fell in the

cellar, crushing her skull by striking a stone step and breaking her neck. Her tragic end was deplored by all who knew her and who had learned to esteem and love her during the many years of her residence in the community. John Droz, who has lived within the borders of Jefferson county for more than a half century, is widely and favorably known here and is honored as a pioneer whose labors were an element in the material development and upbuilding of this part of the state. He is a Roman Catholic in religious faith, belonging to the church of that denomination at Fairfield. To him and his wife were born three children, as follows: Joseph S., of this review; Alex, who resides on a farm near that of our subject; and Mary, who is the wife of C. L. Hosette, a farmer of Van Buren county.

Joseph S. Droz attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education, thus fitting himself for the practical and responsible duties of life. In 1891, following his marriage, he purchased the old Droz homestead on section 33, Cedar township, and started out as an agriculturist on his own account. Thereon he resided until 1903, since which time he has occupied his present home on section 27. His holdings now embrace two hundred and ninety acres of excellent farming land in Cedar township, which he cultivates with the assistance of his son. He feeds all of his grain to cattle and hogs and in his undertakings as a stockman has met with a well merited measure of success.

On the 8th of January, 1891, Mr. Droz was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Prince, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Hisel) Prince, who were natives of Switzerland and Belgium respectively. In 1860 the father emigrated to the United States, locating near Lockridge, Jefferson county, Iowa. He enlisted for service in the Union army but remained at the front for only a brief period and passed away soon after the cessation of hostilities between the north and the south. To him and his wife were born two children: Mrs. Droz; and Eugene, a farmer living in Buchanan township, four miles east of Fairfield. In 1871 Mrs. Elizabeth Prince gave her hand in marriage to Xavier Hosette, who died and was buried at sea while importing Belgium horses to America. Their union was blessed with two children, namely: Louis Hosette, an agriculturist of Van Buren county, Iowa; and Mrs. Josephine Bailey, the wife of Dr. C. W. Bailey, of Pleasant Plain, Iowa. The mother of these children came to America with her parents when a maiden sixteen years old, the family home being established in Cedar township, Jefferson county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Droz have one son, Gaston, whose natal day was October 13, 1891, and who attended the district school and also studied at Fairfield for a year.

In his political views Mr. Droz is a stanch democrat, believing firmly in the principles of that party. He is a faithful communicant of the Roman

Catholic church at Fairfield, to which his wife and son also belong. His cooperation has never been sought in vain in support of progressive public movements and his worth as a citizen is widely acknowledged.

CHARLES E. PEARSON.

Charles E. Pearson is one of the representative young farmers and stockmen of Jefferson county, of which he is a native, his birth having occurred in Des Moines township on the 9th of August, 1876. He is a son of Silas and Parlee (Carter) Pearson, the father being a member of one of the oldest and best known families of Jefferson county. The Pearsons have been residents of America since the early Colonial days. The great-great-great-grandfather of our subject, Enoch Pearson, a Quaker preacher of New London, England, emigrated to this country with William Penn, settling in Philadelphia. He had a son Samuel Pearson, who was born in 1724 and died January 8, 1790, and in turn was the father of Samuel Pearson, the great-grandfather of our subject. The latter was born in Frederick county, Virginia, on the 3d of November, 1767, and died in Miami county, Ohio, November 3, 1847. He was married on the 2d of September, 1790, in South Carolina, to Miss Mary Coats, the daughter of a blacksmith, John Coats and his wife, whose maiden name was Rachael Wright. Their son, Sampson Pearson, was born in Ohio, on the 29th of December, 1810. He removed to Indiana in 1836 and from there to Iowa in 1853, but later went to Missouri, and there he died January 5, 1888. Before leaving Ohio, in August, 1832, he was united in marriage to Miss Nancy McClure, who was a daughter of the Buckeye state, her natal day having been the 29th of December, 1811. Her parents were John and Abigail (Buffington) McClure, the father having been born in 1788 and the mother on the 14th of September, 1791. Their son, Silas Pearson, was born in Indiana, February 10, 1840, and was thirteen years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa in 1853, locating in Iowa City in the autumn of that year. The following spring, however, the family removed to Jefferson county and settled on a farm on section 36, Des Moines township, where Rayburn Pearson now lives. On the 27th of September, 1861, the father of our subject enlisted in Company F, Third Iowa Cavalry, and served throughout the remainder of the war. He continued his farming operations until 1907, when he retired from active labor and removed to Libertyville, where he is now residing. In February, 1866, he was united in marriage to Miss Parlee Carter and they have since made their home in Jefferson county.

Charles E. Pearson, of this review, remained with his parents until he attained his majority. He obtained his education in the common schools and his knowledge of agricultural pursuits and stock-raising from actual experience, study and observation. From earliest boyhood he assisted about the home farm, and when ready to begin for himself had a good knowledge of the practical methods of agriculture. Following his marriage in 1904 he began farming for himself, locating on an eighty-acre tract that he had purchased in Van Buren county. He subsequently sold his holdings and bought eighty acres in Des Moines township, that formed the nucleus of his present homestead. Later his circumstances enabled him to extend the boundaries of his farm by the addition of an adjoining eighty acres, to which he acquired the title in March, 1907. His is one of the well cultivated and improved properties of the district and here he engages in general farming and stock-raising. He keeps a good grade of cattle and hogs and makes a specialty of the breeding and raising of Shropshire sheep. He does considerable feeding and annually makes shipments to the markets, usually those of Chicago.

On the 14th of October, 1904, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Pearson and Miss Pearl McClain, a daughter of Edwin and Alice (Raines) McClain. The father, who was one of the pioneer settlers of the county, was killed by lightning on his farm, on section 27, Des Moines township, August 27, 1884. The mother is still living and continues to make her home on the farm. Four children have been born of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Pearson: Glenn, who is five years of age; Rodney, now three; Grace, who is two years and Ernest Leslie, a babe of four months.

Mr. Pearson has always been a stanch republican, although he does not actively participate in political campaigns. In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Pearson attend the Methodist Episcopal church of Des Moines township, of which Mrs. Pearson is a member. Progressive in his views, Mr. Pearson intelligently adopts modern ideas in all branches of his work, but being guided by practical results rather than by theoretical, hypothesis he is conservative in his methods, and as a result is meeting with a gratifying degree of success.

JOHN BARTHOLOMEW.

No history of Fairfield and Jefferson county would be complete without reference to John Bartholomew who is today one of the oldest of the native sons residing within the county's borders. This was largely a wild and undeveloped region when, on Christmas Day, 1842, his birth occurred

in Fairfield. In the intervening period covering sixty-nine years he has witnessed notable changes, for the wild prairie land has been claimed and cultivated and the few pioneer homes have been supplanted by large and attractive modern residences that indicate the success and prosperity of the farming community. The villages, too, have extended into flourishing towns and cities and the work of progress has been carried steadily forward through the unfaltering efforts of progressive citizens. As the years have passed by John Bartholomew has prospered in his undertakings and his attention is now given to the supervision of his property interests which include some valuable real estate in Fairfield.

Mr. Bartholomew is a son of Thomas and Nancy (Speer) Bartholomew, both of whom were natives of County Antrim, Ireland, born near Belfast. The father's birth occurred July 10, 1811, and the mother was born in 1813. They were reared and married there and after crossing the broad Atlantic in one of the old-time sailing vessels they settled at Cassville, Pennsylvania, where they resided for two years. In 1840 they arrived in Fairfield and during their remaining days lived in Jefferson county. The father was a carpenter and cabinet maker by trade and in connection with the manufacture of furniture here he also did considerable building. As he prospered in his undertakings he made judicious investments in land, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres adjoining the city on the southwest, his sons operating this farm after he retired to private life. He died January 3, 1892, having for more than ten years survived his wife, who passed away December 24, 1881, when in her sixty-eighth year. Their eldest son, Robert, was born in Ireland and their eldest daughter, Agnes, in Pennsylvania. The former is now deceased and the latter is the widow of William A. Barton, a resident of Colorado. Five children came into the family after the arrival in this state, namely: John; Thomas A., deceased; Catherine, who is the widow of Charles Goddard and resides in Leadville, Colorado; and James and Mary, both of whom are now deceased.

John Bartholomew spent his boyhood and youth in Fairfield and attended the public schools, dividing his time between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the tasks assigned to him by parental authority. On attaining his majority he went to Colorado where he resided for a quarter of a century. In connection with his brother Robert he took up timber claims in that state, furnishing timber for the mines and also drove ox teams in the transportation business. As the years passed he prospered for he was diligent, determined and persevering, and the result of his labors is manifest in the fact that following his return to Fairfield in 1889 he made investment in property here. At that time he took up his abode at his present place of residence, having a five-acre tract adjoining the old home. He owns altogether twelve dwellings in this city

that he rents and his time is largely spent in looking after his property and other investments. In addition to his real estate he holds considerable stock in banks and factories of Fairfield and is now numbered among the most substantial residents of this city.

On the 13th of October, 1892, Mr. Bartholomew was married to Miss Louisa Thoma, a native of Atchison, Kansas, and a daughter of David and Theresa Thoma, who are mentioned in connection with the sketch of her two brothers, under the name of Thoma & Thoma, elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Bartholomew and his wife have many warm friends in this district where they have so long resided. Both are faithful attendants of the First Presbyterian church, in which he is an elder. He is prominent among the business men and is widely recognized as a man of keen discrimination and sound judgment. Moreover he is public-spirited and has been a potent factor in many movements which tend to promote the material, intellectual and moral growth of the community.

LEWIS TRABERT.

Lewis Trabert, deceased, was for years a resident of Lockridge township, Jefferson county, Iowa, and gave to the development of the agricultural interests in this state his best efforts throughout his life. Endowed by birth with Teutonic traits of hardy endurance and indomitable perseverance, even in the face of disheartening obstacles, he won his way steadily to the front, making a name for himself that will endure in the annals of Iowa's noble pioneers. Lewis Trabert was born in Lockridge township, Jefferson county, Iowa, November 13, 1852. His parents came to this country from Germany. His father, Frederick Trabert, located in Pennsylvania, in 1842, and, trained in agricultural pursuits, he entered service as a farm hand for five years. He then came west, settling in Jefferson county, Iowa, where he bought forty acres of land in Lockridge township. This tract he cleared and improved; and, adding more to it by degrees, he became the owner of a very valuable farm of three hundred acres which he operated till the close of his life. His death occurred in February, 1875. His wife, the mother of the subject of this biography, passed away December 27, 1900.

Lewis Trabert was reared and educated in Lockridge township, where he attended the district school. Upon the death of his parents, with whom he had remained after finishing school, he bought out from the other heirs the title to the land bequeathed by his father's will, thus acquiring possession

of one hundred and forty-seven acres. These he cultivated until his death, which occurred September 16, 1905.

On April 27, 1876, Lewis Trabert was united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Sophia A. Smithline. She was a daughter of George and Mary B. (Dallner) Smithline, natives of Germany. Her parents came to this country, locating in Jefferson county, Iowa, in pioneer days; and here Sophia Smithline grew to womanhood. Among her early recollections, she recalls vividly many of the barbarities perpetrated by the Indians, then still densely settled in this region and clinging tenaciously to their inalienable right to the land of their fathers. She remembers the hardships of the pioneers and can recall, from her own experience, many incidents of great historic interest. Mrs. Trabert's father did not settle in Iowa directly upon coming to this country, but spent four years in Ohio working as a farm hand. He then came to Jefferson county, Iowa, and bought eighty acres of land in Lockridge township. This tract he cultivated, extending its area by the purchase of eighty additional acres. After operating this farm for about eight years, he retired, taking up his residence in Lockridge, Iowa, where he lived until his death in December, 1894. His wife died just thirty years before, in 1864.

To Mr. and Mrs. Trabert were born four children, namely: Franklin A., a farmer in Lockridge township; Mamie B., the wife of D. R. Linn, a resident of Burlington, Iowa; Frederick L., at home; and Lawrence H., at home. Mr. Trabert was a loyal democrat; and, with his wife and family, held membership in the German Lutheran church. In his premature death, Lockridge township lost a man of serious purpose and exemplary life; the kind of citizen whose memory does honor to his family and community.

CAPTAIN ARTHUR S. JORDAN.

Captain Arthur S. Jordan is now living retired in Fairfield where he has made his home since 1854. He has been connected at different times with the business interests of the city as a general merchant and a dealer in lumber and coal, and during the period of the Civil war he was a staunch defender of the Union cause. Now in the evening of life he is resting from labor, the efforts of his former toil supplying him with all of the necessities and some of the comforts of life. He has passed the seventy-ninth milestone, his birth having occurred at Cape Elizabeth, Maine, on the 22d of February, 1832. His parents, Clement and Elizabeth F. (Dyer) Jordan, were also natives of that place. The father first came to the west in 1851 on a visit and about 1863 or 1864 returned to Fairfield to spend

the remainder of his days among his children. The Jordan family is one of the oldest in the state of Maine, the first representative settling at Cape Elizabeth when that region was an unbroken wilderness. He secured a grant of land from King George and there established the ancestral home of the family. All through his early life Clement Jordan was captain or master of a ship. In early manhood he wedded Eliza F. Dyer who up to the time of her marriage had resided upon a farm near Cape Elizabeth. They became the parents of nine children. Emily D., the eldest, became the wife of Captain William R. Wells and both died in Fairfield. Frances C. married Captain Henry Eaton and died in Fairfield while her husband passed away in California. Clement J. died on the old homestead at Cape Elizabeth. Caroline E. became the wife of John H. Wells, a merchant of Fairfield, and both passed away in this city. William Henry married Maria W. Webster of Cape Elizabeth and his death occurred there while his wife died in Clinton, Massachusetts. Arthur S. is the sixth in order of birth. Charles Henry died in Cape Elizabeth when sixteen years of age. Albert married Hattie Wells and died in Fairfield, Iowa, but his widow resides in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Harry married Maggie Brown and died in Fairfield while his widow is living in Los Angeles, California.

Arthur S. Jordan remained at the place of his birth until sixteen years of age and afterward spent two or three years as a sailor. He worked on the old homestead farm of two hundred acres until he made his way to the west in 1854, when twenty-two years of age, since which time he has resided in Fairfield, the period of his residence here covering fifty-seven years. For a time he was engaged in general merchandising with his brothers, W. H., Albert and Harry, the four conducting their store under the name of the Jordan Brothers. The business had been established by Captain W. R. Wells and William Jordan in 1851 and in 1857 Captain Jordan purchased the interest of Captain Wells and organized the firm of Jordan Brothers, the other brothers being admitted at a later date. They continued the business together with gratifying success until the '70s. In the meantime A. S. Jordan had enlisted in Fairfield, Iowa, in July, 1862, as a member of Company B, Nineteenth Iowa Infantry. He joined the army as a private but was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant and afterward became captain of his company. He served until the close of the war and was mustered out in July, 1865, having in the meantime participated in all of the engagements of his regiment, including the sieges of Vicksburg and of Spanish Fort. His brother Harry also served in the same company, going out as captain. He was promoted to the rank of major and was mustered out with that title. The other brothers, William and Albert, remained at home and conducted the store, being joined in

its management and operation by the two soldier brothers after the close of hostilities. In 1871 William Jordan died, after which the three other brothers continued the business for a few years and then closed it out. Captain Jordan next entered the lumber and coal business from which he retired in his seventy-fifth year, remaining throughout the whole period as one of the representative, honorable and honored business men of the city.

In 1868 Captain Jordan was united in marriage to Miss Ada M. Jordan, of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, who was not related unless the tie of kinship came in many generations back. The Jordans, however, were very numerous in Maine, almost half of the town of Cape Elizabeth bearing that name. Mrs. Ada Jordan was born in 1848 and was a daughter of John G. and Ann V. (Dyer) Jordan, also natives of Cape Elizabeth. Unto the marriage of our subject and his wife have been born two children, Nellie E. and Arthur G. The former, a graduate of Parsons College with the class of 1892, has been engaged in teaching in the high school most of the time since. Captain Jordan, his wife and his two children are now the only members of the family still living in Fairfield, all the others having passed away. He has never held any public office but served on the city school board for twelve years and for twenty-four years was a member of the board of trustees of Parsons College but resigned that position on reaching the age of seventy-five years, at the same time putting aside all other business and public connections in order to live retired. His is an honorable old age and the respect and veneration of his fellow townsmen are accorded him. No history of Fairfield would be complete without mention of Captain Jordan, so well and worthily has he lived and so actively has he participated in the business life of the city and in its growth and improvement in other ways.

WILLIAM ODEAN.

Notable for the achievement of having been engaged in two wholly dissimilar callings, railroading and farming, William ODean was so successful in the pursuit of each and husbanded his resources so wisely that he was enabled to retire some years ago and has since been living in the enjoyment of well deserved ease. He is a native of Sweden having been born in February, 1844. His father, Peter ODean, was a farmer in Sweden where he died in 1874. His mother, whose maiden name was Mary Swenson, died in 1880.

William ODean was reared and educated in the common schools of his native locality. He lived with his parents until he was twenty-five years

old when he took leave of them and of the home of his childhood days. In his mind's eye he saw a vision of that illusive dream—success—beckoning him onward to America, the land of promise across the sea, where Fortune holds forth hopes and opportunities to her faithful adherents, and thither he made his way in 1869, following the westward trail. On reaching Ottumwa, Iowa, he found the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad laying their road-bed through this region. Here he secured employment as bridge foreman of a construction crew. After two years at this work he gathered the proceeds of his toil and came to Jefferson county, Iowa, where he invested in one hundred and thirty acres of land in Lockridge township. This tract he improved and subsequently rented, returning to his work on the railroad, in which he continued twenty more years and at the close of this period, in 1891, he withdrew to his farm, assuming charge of its cultivation. Twelve years he devoted to the operation of his property and thereafter retired, moving to Four Corners, where he now resides on twenty-seven acres of highly improved land. Financially he is interested in the Lockridge Savings Bank in which he is a stockholder and director.

Mr. ODean married Miss Charlotta Swanson in December, 1882. Her parents, Andrew and Luisa Swanson, were natives of Sweden. Her father came to this country and located in Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1852, buying a farm in Lockridge township which he set about to improve. He operated it until his death in 1884. Mrs. Swanson's death occurred in 1874.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. ODean, namely: Minnie, the wife of A. D. Edmund, now operating his father-in-law's farm in Lockridge township; Fred, living in Henry county, Iowa; and Paul, who died in 1889.

Mr. ODean generally votes with the republicans and with his family holds membership in the Lutheran church. He is a man of upright character and high principles and has won the regard of all who know him.

THOMAS M. HAWK.

Thomas M. Hawk owns and cultivates a farm of one hundred and fifty-five and one-half acres situated in Walnut township, and its neat and thrifty appearance renders it one of the attractive features in the landscape. His birth occurred in Penn township, Jefferson county, October 14, 1856, his parents being William and Frances (McClure) Hawk, who were natives of Tennessee. The father came to Jefferson county in 1839,

when the greater part of the state was still wild and unimproved, few settlements having been made beyond the eastern border. He entered forty acres of land in Penn township and began the arduous task of clearing and improving this, turning the first furrows in the fields and planting the seeds, which in due time brought forth good harvests. His persistent and intelligently directed labors brought him success, that enabled him to add to his possessions from time to time until he owned five hundred acres, which he continued to cultivate and improve until about a year prior to his death, when he retired from the farm and took up his abode in Fairfield. His was a long, useful and active life, crowned with substantial success and the high regard of all with whom he had business or social relations. He died in 1903, at the age of eighty-six years, having for several years survived his wife.

Thomas M. Hawk was reared and educated in his native county and its district school system provided him with his educational privileges. In the school of experience, however, he has added many valuable lessons. He remained with his parents on the home farm and assisted in its development and improvement until he had attained his majority, when he started out in life independently, giving his attention to the work, to which he had previously been trained. After renting land for two years his father bought a tract and later he purchased more land in Walnut township. He at once began improvements and has since cultivated it, having now a valuable farm of one hundred and fifty-five and one-half acres lacking in no modern equipment or accessory. He uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields and has upon his place good barns and out-buildings, furnishing ample shelter for grain and stock. His methods, too, are practical and produce substantial results.

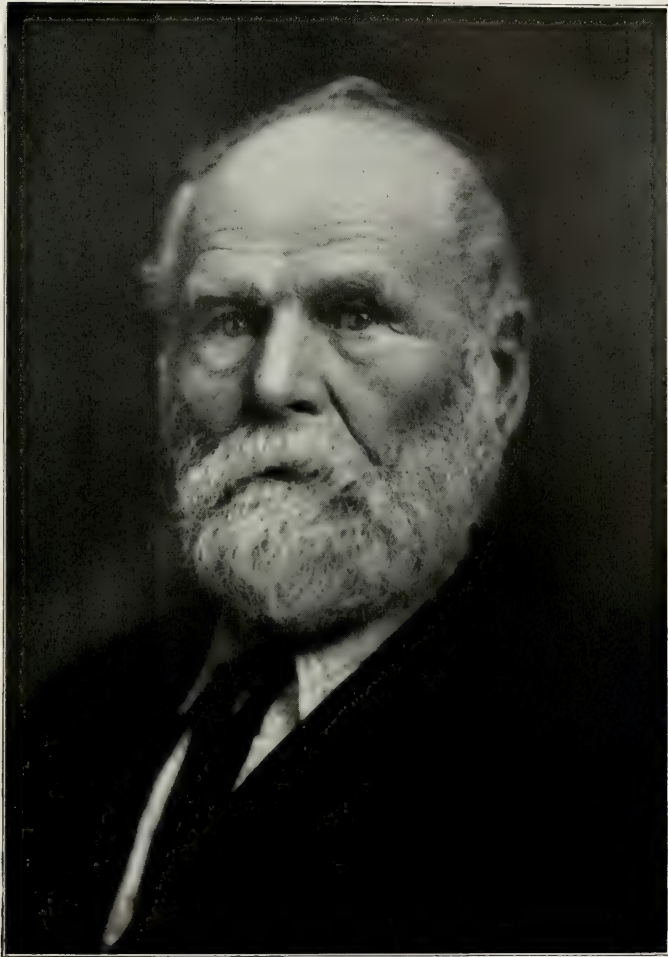
On February 5, 1881, Mr. Hawk was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Jennison, a daughter of Stephen S. and Mary (Fenton) Jennison, who were natives of Indiana. Her father became a resident of Wayne county, Iowa, at an early day and there purchased and improved a farm which he has since continued to cultivate. Her mother, however, has passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Hawk have become the parents of three children: Rollie R., now living at home; Minnie, the wife of G. M. Leshner, a resident of North Dakota; and Ina E., the wife of H. B. Leshner, who is also living in North Dakota. The wife and mother passed away after a year's illness, on the 16th of August, 1905, her death being deeply regretted by many friends as well as by her immediate family.

Mr. Hawk holds membership in the Church of God and his political support is given to the democratic party. A life-long resident of Jefferson county, he is well known within its borders and his history is a familiar one to many of our readers. His life record shows what may be accom-

plished when energy and determination lead the way. He has had but little assistance and yet his persistent, earnest labor has enabled him to steadily advance toward the goal of prosperity, his landed possessions making him one of the substantial citizens of Walnut township.

WALTUS COLLINS.

Waltus Collins is one of the venerable citizens of Jefferson county. He was born in Simpson county, Kentucky, November 10, 1824, so that his life record has already spanned eighty-seven years. It covers a most interesting period in the history of the country and he can well remember many of the chief events which have left their impress upon the records of this land. He has himself taken an active part in shaping the development and promoting the welfare of Jefferson county and he can relate many interesting points concerning pioneer history not only in this region but also in Illinois and Kentucky. His parents were Thomas and Polly (Elam) Collins. The father was born in North Carolina, in 1787, and the mother's birth occurred in Virginia, on the bank of the James river, about eight or ten years after the birth of her husband. He was a son of Jasper Collins, who was born in North Carolina and served through the Revolutionary war as a teamster. In the days of peace, however, he followed the occupation of farming. The Elams were a prominent Virginia family and one of the name served in congress. Although reared in North Carolina Thomas Collins was married in Kentucky. In early life he learned the cooper's trade which he always afterward followed, and he also owned a farm which was operated by his sons and their negro assistants. About 1827 the family removed from the state line into Sumner county, Tennessee, and after living there for a time took up their abode in Christian county, Kentucky, where they remained for three years. In the spring of 1836 they arrived in Morgan county, Illinois, and while living there the mother of Waltus Collins passed away, in 1852. The father died later at Pekin, Illinois, when seventy-nine years of age. Their children were eleven in number: Valina, the wife of William Edwards; Olivia, who married Charles Wilson; Thomas Jefferson; James Madison; Mary, the wife of Enoch Frazey; Waltus; Benjamin Franklin; Susan, the wife of William Baldwin; Frances Ann, the wife of William McCasland; Henry Clay, who died at the age of eight years; and Orvil, who served through the Civil war in an Illinois regiment. Waltus and Mrs. Baldwin are the only ones now living. Benjamin Franklin enlisted from Illinois for service in the Civil war and died at the front, near Memphis, Tennessee.



WALTUS COLLINS

The first incident in his life which Waltus Collins remembers occurred when he was about two years of age, when the family were removing from Kentucky to Tennessee. He can recall the large logs that were used in the building of his father's house and in the other buildings on the premises. While living there he frequently saw General Jackson riding in the stage coach. Following the removal to Christian county, Kentucky, when he was about nine years of age, he witnessed the development of his father's farm into one of the finest tobacco plantations in the world. In the neighborhood lived Peter Cartwright and for a number of years they were neighbors to Jefferson Davis and Buckner. In the same part of the state also lived Lincoln, Clay, and Harlan, together with others who have won state and national prominence. In those early days he and his brother were allowed to hunt rabbits while the older brothers hunted turkey and larger game which was quite plentiful in that district. Corn and tobacco were the chief products raised and Mr. Collins' father frequently sold corn to the slave drivers at fifty cents per bushel. Both the white and black people worked in the fields and Mr. Collins was many days employed by a neighbor when but a young lad. Fox hunting was the favorite sport of the young men of the district and some of the older ones and there were a good many packs of hounds kept in Kentucky. Mr. Collins says that his life was fraught with much pleasure during that period. Corn huskings were among the most interesting social functions of the day and on such occasions a splendid supper was served at which the principal dish was pork pie. When a red ear of corn was found a drink of whiskey was given to the finder, but the owner was usually careful about the disposition of the intoxicant.

Following the removal of the family to Morgan county Mr. Collins spent about eight years of his life in that district. There was no free instruction, the schools being supported by the parents of the children and partly by the state, but later a system of free public instruction was introduced, owing to the rapid settlement of Illinois. When about sixteen years of age Waltus Collins left the parental roof and started out in life for himself, working for farmers for a number of years, including some of the big cattle men and wealthiest stock dealers of the country. While thus employed he first came to know something of the Mormon religion and its followers. Resentment against the Mormons grew stronger as it found that many of the people were desperate characters who committed much theft. In September, 1843, Mr. Collins enlisted in the Illinois State Constabulary, a light horse cavalry, for active duty during the trouble with the Mormons at Nauvoo. There were one hundred mounted men in the brigade, under Captain Thomas Turner and Brigadier General Hardin. Mr. Collins remained in the state service for three years and was the

tallest man in his company, standing six feet four inches and weighing about two hundred pounds at that time. He is thoroughly familiar with the history of Mormonism and the movement that ended in transporting the followers of Joseph Smith to the west. The people who had been defrauded would follow their lost property to the edge of the Mormon city but could not recover the stolen goods, and again and again officers with warrants for the recovery of stolen goods would attempt to make an arrest and were never heard of again. At length feeling became so intense against the sect that the Smiths, who were imprisoned in the Carthage jail, were killed by a mob of thousands from Missouri and Illinois. The movement against the Mormons was probably delayed by the political situation, as both parties wanted their votes, but Ford, the democratic candidate for governor, won. In September of the same year he called out a brigade of soldiers to quell a mob composed of desperate men from Missouri and Illinois, men who had suffered great loss of property through the Mormons. Governor Ford had as his advisers Stephen A. Douglas and Hardin who counseled a diplomatic course. But at length it was seen that the movement against the Mormons was so strong that they feared a massacre and finally agreed to leave this part of the country. The governor detailed two companies to remain at Carthage and maintain peace. One of these, commanded by Captain Turner, was the cavalry company to which Mr. Collins belonged and the other company was composed of Quincy riflemen, under Captain Morgan. Mr. Collins says that his experience in the constabulary service among the Mormons convinced him that they were the worst body of men he has ever had anything to do with.

At length, when he was discharged from service he came to Iowa, reaching Jefferson county March 20, 1846, and here he has since lived. He made the journey on horseback to join his sister, Mrs. Valina Edwards, who resided in what is now Buchanan township. With her he had spent the winter of 1843-4 and then returned to Illinois, but came here to reside permanently in 1846. He entered eighty acres of land in Buchanan township and resided on it for nine years, after which he sold out and in February, 1857, purchased his present farm, containing one hundred and one acres in Lockridge township, a mile northeast of Salina. It was mostly covered by heavy timber although thirty acres had been cleared and cultivated. The fertility of the ground, however, had been so reduced that it could yield only thirty bushels to the acre. But Mr. Collins planted it to grass and kept his stock thereon, and after a few years its productiveness had so increased that he could raise from seventy-five to one hundred bushels per acre. On his first farm he built a log house with a shingle roof and glass windows. The cabins of those days were mostly built with round logs and clapboard roofs. Splitting a puncheon and hewing it until it was

thin, he made a settee upon which he put rockers and used this for the baby's cradle. All the necessary farm buildings were built of logs and covered with clapboards. Mr. Collins availed himself of the wide range for cattle and as the years passed his efforts at farming and stock-raising brought him substantial profit.

As a companion and helpmate for life's journey Mr. Collins chose Jane Chilcott whom he wedded June 11, 1846. She was born in Huntington county, Pennsylvania, June 14, 1830, and in April, 1844, came to Jefferson county with her parents, Richard and Ruth (Gorsuch) Chilcott, who were also natives of the Keystone state and spent their last days in Jefferson county. Mrs. Collins was a sister of United States Senator George M. Chilcott, of Colorado, who came to Jefferson county in 1844 with the family and worked for our subject at fifty cents per day, furnishing his own yoke of oxen and thus assisting in clearing the land. For forty-four years Mr. and Mrs. Collins traveled life's journey together but were separated in the death of the wife, December 13, 1890. They were the parents of nine children: Ruth, the wife of Alonzo J. Green, of Fairfield; Emma, the wife of Finley Chester, of Kansas City, Missouri; Sarah Jane, who died at the age of nine years; Jay, a farmer of this county; Ira, a resident of Los Angeles, California; Melvin R., of Fairfield; Miles Grant, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Ernest, of Emerson, Iowa; and Dennis Colfax, of Los Angeles, California.

For the past four years Mr. Collins has resided at the Leggett House, in Fairfield. In his early life he learned the cooper's trade with his father but never enjoyed the work, nature having intended him for farming, for he always found pleasure and success in that calling and is today the owner of an excellent property in the midst of which stands a large and attractive residence. For twenty years he has been a member of the Jefferson County Farmers' Club and has taken an active part in its work. He has also been a member of the Farmers' Institute since its organization and was a member of the Jefferson County Agricultural Society. He was reared in the faith of the whig party and joined the ranks of the new republican party on its organization. He was associated with John Spielman and Senator James F. Wilson as members of a committee to organize the republican party in this county for the Fremont campaign. He was a stanch abolitionist, later a protectionist and subsequently became equally stalwart in his championship of prohibition. Of recent years he has voted an independent democratic ticket. During the Civil war he was a member of the Union League and he has always been a believer in the Christian religion although he has never held membership with a church. Of the one hundred men who enlisted at the time of the Mormon trouble at Nauvoo, Mr. Collins and William Wyatt, of Franklin, Illinois, are now the only survivors and

the latter entertained the former in 1908. Mr. Wyatt also enlisted for service in the Mexican war and again in the Civil war and became a colonel. The two had been reared as boys together and attended the same school, and the visit in 1908 was a most happy occasion to both as they had not seen each other since the Mormon trouble. Mr. Collins has been a member of the Iowa State Historical Society since its organization. He is a remarkably well preserved man for eighty-seven years. He has not used intoxicants for more than half a century and never was addicted to the use of tobacco. Nature is kind to those who abuse none of her laws and she has been good to Mr. Collins who, although he has advanced far down the hillside of life, yet preserves a wonderful physical and mental vigor, keeping in touch with the progress of the times and the thought that has moved the world. He relates, too, in a most interesting manner the incidents of early days and is one of the most respected and honored residents of Jefferson county.

FREDOLEN HEER.

One of Jefferson county's well known German citizens is Fredolen Heer, who for many years was successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising, but is now living retired in Glasgow. He was born in Baden, his natal day being the 6th of March, 1837, and his parents Andrew and Catherine (Bartley) Heer, both of whom are now deceased, the father having passed away in 1873 and the mother in 1880. Andrew Heer was always engaged in the grain business in Germany, in connection with which for many years he also operated a farm.

Fredolen Heer remained at home with his parents until he was fifteen years of age, pursuing his education in the common schools of his native land. Together with an elder brother in 1854 he took passage for the United States, arriving in New York city in the month of January. They soon secured employment in a rubber factory in New Brunswick, New Jersey, at fifty cents per day, while they paid seven dollars per month for their board. He remained in the service of this company for eighteen months, and at the end of that time went to Rome, New York, where for a time he worked in a brickyard at twelve dollars per month. From there he went to Utica, walking the greater part of the distance, and worked on the Erie canal until 1856. His next removal was to Burlington, Iowa, where he went to work for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, which company was at that time extending their lines westward. He continued in their service for a year, then went to Des Moines, but failing

to find work in that city came to Jefferson county. On the 17th of November, 1857, he went to work for a farmer at eleven dollars per month, following this occupation for the succeeding four years. Although his wages were small he was thrifty and during that period managed to save enough to enable him to begin farming as a renter at the end of that time. He applied himself diligently and by practicing the most rigid economy at the end of four years had sufficient capital to buy one hundred and twenty acres of land. This land had never been cultivated and was entirely without improvements, but he assiduously applied himself to clearing it and in connection with the operation of his own fields he rented a tract of one hundred and twenty acres that he cultivated. His efforts were rewarded by such lucrative returns that he subsequently extended the boundaries of his homestead by the addition of another tract of one hundred and eight acres, making his holdings aggregate two hundred and twenty-eight acres. He improved his property as his resources increased by the erection of a comfortable residence, substantial barns and outbuildings, providing ample shelter for both his stock and grain. His fields were always tilled under his personal supervision and given the careful attention that resulted in abundant harvests that brought the highest market prices. A man of practical ideas he used intelligence and discretion in all of his undertakings, his efforts always being directed toward a definite purpose. In connection with the operation of his fields he devoted much attention to stock-raising, and annually marketed fifty head of hogs while he kept twenty head of cattle and six horses. Long years of patient industry and thrift united with clear judgment in all matters of business enabled Mr. Heer to acquire a competence that warranted his retirement in 1905, when he rented his farm and removed to Glasgow. Here he bought a house and three acres of land, and during the period of his occupancy he has effected many and extensive improvements in his place and now owns one of the most attractive residence properties in the town. The income from his rentals and his other investments provides him with all of the necessities and many of the luxuries of life, thus enabling him to enjoy in his latter years the ease and comfort denied his youth.

On the 8th of April, 1862, Mr. Heer was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Unkriech, a daughter of Henry and Fredericka Unkriech. The parents were both natives of Germany, where the father held the position of tax collector in connection with which he also farmed until 1859, when he came to this country, locating in Jefferson county. Here he purchased two hundred acres of land in Round Prairie township that he was improving, when his efforts in this direction were terminated by death in January, 1860. The mother survived for sixteen years thereafter, her demise occurring in 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Heer were the parents of ten children,

two of whom died in infancy. The others were as follows: Louis, who died at the age of eighteen months; Mary, the wife of Frank Dill, a farmer of Round Prairie township; Anna, who married Milton Whitney, and is living in the vicinity of Broken Bow, Nebraska; Eva, the wife of Charles Stump, of Birmingham, Iowa; Frank, who is farming in North Dakota; Charles, a merchant of Fairfield; William, who is farming in North Dakota; and Kate, the wife of Charles McLaren, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa. On the 28th of September, 1902, the family were called upon to mourn the loss of the wife and mother, who for fourteen years previous had been an invalid. On the 26th of August, 1909, Mr. Heer was married to Miss Annie Sturgis, a daughter of William and Maria (Cole) Sturgis, the father a native of South Carolina and the mother of Indiana. The parents were among the early settlers of Jefferson county, the father having owned and improved a farm in Round Prairie township until his death in 1880. The mother survived him until 1887.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Heer affiliate with the Methodist Episcopal church, and his political allegiance is given to the democratic party. He has always taken an active interest in all township affairs, and while living in Round Prairie township served as trustee and road supervisor, and he was also a member of the board of school directors. Mr. Heer is one of the self-made men of Jefferson county, having come to America when little more than a boy and without either capital or influence has attained a position that well entitles him to the esteem and regard he is accorded by his many friends.

ROLLIN J. WILSON.

Rollin J. Wilson, a prominent representative of the bar, who since 1877 has engaged in practice in Jefferson county, was born in Fairfield, October 18, 1853. He is a representative of one of the prominent families of the state, and is fortunate in having back of him an ancestry honorable and distinguished. His father was James F. Wilson, United States senator from Iowa, and his mother, Mrs. Mary A. K. (Jewett) Wilson. Both were natives of Newark, Ohio, where they were reared and married, coming to Fairfield in the winter of 1852-3. Their family numbered three children, Rollin J., Mary B. and James F., all of this city.

Throughout his entire life Rollin J. Wilson has resided in Fairfield and in the private and public schools began his education, passing through consecutive grades up to the time when he entered the State University at Iowa City. He there completed a course by graduation with the class of

1875 and later took up the study of law in Fairfield, being admitted to the bar in 1877, since which time he has continuously practiced in this city. He has had a distinctively representative clientele and has been connected with much important work in the courts, where he has won favorable verdicts by reason of his clear reasoning and logical deductions. By election he filled the office of county attorney four years, proving a most capable official in that connection. He was the first person chosen to the office by election and continued therein for two terms. He had previously been appointed by the board of supervisors. For twenty years he was local attorney for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific and also for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad companies. Aside from the practice of law he is well known in business circles in Fairfield as the president of the First National Bank. Moreover he has been closely associated with many of the public interests of the city whereby its welfare and interests have been conserved. He is now president of the Fairfield free public library and is secretary of the board of trustees of Parsons College. He was for nine years a member of the school board, serving two terms as president of Fairfield Independent District.

On the 13th of October, 1881, Mr. Wilson was married to Miss Mary Atchison McKemey, a native of Fairfield, and a daughter of Joseph Alison and Cynthia A. McKemey. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson was blessed with two daughters: Mary Louise, now the wife of J. P. Morehead, of Fairfield; and Helen C., the wife of Edward C. Peters, of Fairfield. Mr. Wilson holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias and A. O. U. W. He votes with the republican party, to which he has given his allegiance since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. Those who know him, and his friends are many, accord him the high regard which is uniformly given in recognition of genuine personal worth and ability. For fifty-eight years he has lived in Fairfield and every event which has had special significance in relation to the history of the city is familiar to him and it is well known that his influence and aid can be counted upon to further every movement that tends to benefit the county.

JAMES J. BIRT.

With the passing of James J. Birt from the scene of earthly activity the community in which he resided lost one of its most honored and valued citizens, for in him were manifest those qualities which ever win respect and confidence. He was yet in his prime when called to his final rest, his

birth having occurred on the 24th of December, 1854, in Pennsylvania. His parents, John J. and Jemimah (Mansfield) Birt, were both natives of England, where they were reared and married, and where the father learned and followed the brick mason's trade. Later he took up agricultural pursuits and after coming to America in 1850, located in Pennsylvania where he followed that occupation until about 1856. From there he came to Iowa and took up his abode on a farm just west of Fairfield in Jefferson county, upon which a son now resides. Throughout the rest of his days this place remained his home, and here he passed away in 1875. His wife also spent her last days on that farm, her death occurring when she was eighty-three years of age. In their family were four children of whom only two are now living: Lincoln, a farmer of Smithfield, Nebraska; and Frank, operating the old homestead.

James J. Birt was a little lad of two years when brought to Iowa, and almost his entire life was passed within the boundaries of Jefferson county. His boyhood and youth were spent in the routine of farm work and after the death of his father he continued to give his mother the benefit of his assistance about the home place until he was thirty-six years of age, when he was married and at once took up farming independently on a tract of land which he purchased five miles northwest of Fairfield near Brookville, and there he resided for one year. At the end of that period he removed to the forty-acre tract situated just outside of the city limits of Fairfield, upon which his family still reside. This land is located on section 26, near the fairgrounds and to its further development he at once directed his energies. Year after year he plowed and planted and carried on the work of the farm, remaining there until his life's labors were ended in death, when he left to his family a well improved and desirable property.

It was on the 2d of September, 1891, that Mr. Birt was united in marriage to Miss Sarah C. Du Bois, a daughter of John W. and Elizabeth (Dill) Du Bois, the former born in New York city of French parentage and the latter born in Nashville, Tennessee, of American progeny. They were married in Illinois and in the spring of 1842 came to Jefferson county, Iowa, locating about two miles west of Fairfield on a farm. There the father carried on general farming and stock-raising until about three years prior to his death, when he retired from business life. He passed away in 1888, having survived his wife for seven years, her death occurring in 1881 on the farm where her daughter now resides and upon which she has spent her entire life. In the Du Bois family were nine children, five of whom are now living, namely: Reuben, of Fairfield, a retired farmer; Theodore Polk, engaging in farming in Center township, Jefferson county; John, a farmer of South Dakota; Mrs. Asa D. Roberts, of Fairfield, and Mrs. Birt. To Mr. and Mrs. Birt were born two children, Nathaniel S.

and Ona May, both students of the Fairfield high school. Since the death of the father the son has taken charge of the home farm under the direction of his mother, the work of which he carries on during the vacation periods and when not engaged with his text-books. Mr. Birt was a faithful member of the Christian church of Fairfield, to which his wife and children also belong, and in the faith of that denomination he passed away on the 4th of May, 1910. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and for many years he filled political offices of various kinds. He acted as road supervisor for several terms in districts No. 1 and 8, and as school director in district No. 8 for a long period, and no project which had for its object material, intellectual or moral development sought his aid in vain. He was a man of fine personal character, well known and highly respected throughout this section of the county, and when he passed from this life, the community lost one of its most valued and honored citizens. His demise came as a great blow to his family, by whom he was cherished as a devoted husband and kind, loving father. With him his home was his first and his last consideration and no sacrifice was too great for him that would further the pleasure and comfort of his loved ones. To his family he left not only a comfortable competence but also the priceless heritage of an untarnished name and a record that is well worthy of emulation.

DENNIS T. KILFOY.

Dennis T. Kilfoy, who for the past six years has filled the position of right-of-way agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, makes his home in Fairfield, whither he was brought by his parents when but three weeks old. He was born in Burlington, Iowa, July 1, 1858, a son of Timothy and Bridget (Murphy) Kilfoy. The father was born in Scariiff, County Clare, Ireland, in 1825, and the mother's birth occurred in Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland, in 1831. They spent their childhood days on the Emerald isle and both became residents of Burlington in the year 1856. They were married in that city and remained there until their son Dennis was three weeks old, when they removed to Fairfield, where the remainder of their lives were passed. The father was a laborer, who was associated for a long period with the erection of public buildings, including the courthouse, the college and public school buildings of the city. He died here in 1899 and for six years was survived by his wife, who passed away in 1905. They had seven children: Dennis T.; Kate, who married James Sullivan, both now deceased; Annie, living in

Fairfield; Julia, the wife of T. J. Hynes, of Burlington; Bridget, who died February 12, 1911; Edward, whose death occurred September 29, 1895; and Mary, who died in 1899.

It was on the 22d of July, 1858, that the family came to Jefferson county and Dennis T. Kilfoy has since made his home in Fairfield, covering a period of more than a half century. He acquired his education by attending the common schools and began earning his own living by working as a section hand for the Burlington & Missouri Railroad, now a part of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy system. Subsequently he was employed in a lumberyard and also worked for a time for the Fairfield Gas Company. He then secured a position as clerk in a grocery store and for twenty years was connected with that line of merchandising. At the present writing he is the right-of-way agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, which position he has acceptably filled for six years, while for six years he acted as assistant general agent for the same company.

On the 15th of June, 1887, Mr. Kilfoy was married to Miss Elizabeth Fritz, of Brighton, Iowa, who was born near that place in August, 1866, a daughter of Peter and Susan (Kurtz) Fritz, who are mentioned in this volume in connection with the record of their son, John H. Fritz. Mr. and Mrs. Kilfoy have three sons: John A., of Fairfield, who has charge of the Jefferson County Rating League; and Leo T., eighteen years of age and Edward Joseph, both at home and high school students. Mr. Kilfoy votes with the democratic party and is a communicant of the St. Mary's Roman Catholic church. He has always worked hard and to his diligence and industry must be attributed whatever success he has achieved.

MATTHEW B. SPARKS.

Matthew B. Sparks, who has the distinction of being one of the oldest practicing attorneys in Jefferson county, was born in Scottville, Macoupin county, Illinois, on April 17, 1838, being a son of John and Elizabeth (Bradshaw) Sparks. His father, although born and reared in Virginia, was of English extraction, the paternal great-grandfather, Matthew B. Sparks, a farmer by occupation, being a native of the mother country. His mother, who was born in White county, Tennessee, was a direct descendant of John Bradshaw, a general in the army of Oliver Cromwell. He was president of the court that condemned to death Charles the First of England, signing the warrant of execution. Two of John Bradshaw's sons escaped the wrath of Charles the Second after the restoration by coming to America, and it was from one of these that Mrs. Sparks was

descended. In 1830 together with his wife and family John Sparks came west to Illinois, locating in Macoupin county where he followed the carpenter's trade and farming during the remainder of his active life, passing away near Carlinville, in 1882. The mother survived for several years thereafter, her demise occurring at Jacksonville, Illinois. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Sparks numbered nine children, as follows: William and Fannie, both of whom are deceased; Matthew B., our subject; and Nancy, John Byrum, Ryal, Amanda, Emma, also deceased; and Louisa, the widow of W. H. Hendrickson, ex-secretary of state and member of congress from Illinois, who is now living at Alexander, Illinois.

The first nineteen years of his life Matthew B. Sparks spent under the parental roof, attending the district and high schools in the vicinity of his home in the acquirement of an education. Upon the completion of the course therein pursued he came to Iowa, locating in Van Buren county, where for several years he engaged in teaching. He subsequently went to Scotland county, Missouri, where he continued to teach until the breaking out of the Civil war. On the 13th of July, 1861, he answered his country's call for troops and went to Memphis, Missouri, where he enlisted in Company C, Twenty-first Missouri Volunteer Infantry. He remained at the front until the 22d of September, 1862, at which time he was discharged at Keokuk, Iowa, on account of disability. He participated in a number of notable skirmishes and engagements in Missouri during the autumn of 1861 and in the following spring his regiment was ordered to join General Grant's army at Pittsburg Landing. Their campaign was opened at Shiloh, where his company met with heavy losses, but twenty-seven of their eighty-three men surviving that terrible conflict. After he was mustered out Mr. Sparks came to Batavia, where he again engaged in teaching, devoting his unoccupied hours to the study of law. He was admitted to the bar in 1865 and immediately thereafter opened an office here and engaged in the practice of his profession, with which he has ever since been identified, being the oldest practicing attorney in Jefferson county with the exception of Isaac D. Jones of Fairfield.

On the 2d of September, 1858, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Sparks and Miss Sarah J. Killebrew, a daughter of Captain Finess and Louisa (Evans) Killebrew, the family being of Scotch extraction in the paternal line. Her father was a native of Tennessee, having been born near the Kentucky line, while the mother's birthplace was Lexington, Kentucky. The paternal grandfather, Lawrence Killebrew, was a pioneer Methodist preacher of Pike county, Missouri, where he was born and reared. He withdrew from the Missouri conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, when the church divided on the slavery question and went to Illinois, where he spent his latter years, his death occurring in

Winchester, Scott county, that state. In the maternal line Mrs. Sparks is descended from Captain Maberry Evans, her grandfather, who was a millwright of Kentucky, having been a son of the Revolutionary hero. Captain Finess Killebrew was a sawmill owner and operator in his native state, whence he removed to Iowa in the late '30s, locating near Hillsboro, where he engaged in farming. He was commissioned captain in the Iowa State Militia in 1840, which office he also held during the Black Hawk war. During the Rebellion he lived in Missouri, but when peace was restored returned to Iowa, purchasing a farm near Libertyville, this county, where both he and his wife passed away in 1866. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Killebrew: Murina, who is deceased; Elizabeth, the widow of Loren Rawson, now living near Parsons, Kansas; Sarah J., now Mrs. Sparks; Maberry, who is deceased; Parthina, who never married and is now a resident of Parsons, Kansas; and John J., who is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Sparks were the parents of six children.

The family affiliate with the Methodist Episcopal church of which Mrs. Sparks is an earnest member. During his earlier years Mr. Sparks always voted the straight republican ticket, but he now accords his support to the men and measures he deems best adapted to subserve the interests of the majority, irrespective of party affiliation. He has always taken an active and helpful interest in all municipal affairs, and for many years has been a member of the town council and for ten years he was mayor of Batavia and was president of the school board for a long period. That he proved to be efficient and loyal to the best interests of his community is attested by the length of his periods of incumbency in his various public positions. He is one of the highly honored members of the Jefferson County Bar Association and he also belongs to the George Strong Post of the Grand Army of the Republic of Fairfield. Mr. Sparks has been one of the factors in the development and upbuilding of Batavia, his time and energy ever having been liberally contributed toward the promotion and advancement of every movement that promised the betterment of the intellectual or moral welfare of the town, of which he has been a resident for more than forty-six years.

WILLIAM ACHENBACH.

In Lockridge township, Jefferson county, Iowa, the name Achenbach has come to connote certain sterling qualities that reflect enviable distinction upon its bearer and assures him undeniable rank in the agricultural world. Thus William Achenbach enjoys a standing in his community of

which he can be as justly proud as can his brother Lewis Achenbach who is three years his senior. They are both high-minded men, noble in their dealings with others, men who live simply but fully, who have discovered the philosopher's stone in honest toil, in the use of the hand and the brain. To their father, Ludwig Achenbach, who went before and blazed the trail that made their rise possible, they must give thanks for the boon of such a heritage.

William Achenbach was born in Lockridge township, Jefferson county, Iowa, December 8, 1859. He was a son of Ludwig and Margaret (Thopal) Achenbach. As noted in the sketch of Lewis Achenbach, his parents were natives of Germany. His father, on coming to this country in 1849, located in Ohio. He remained there only a short time, however, when he went to Iowa and settled in Lockridge, where he worked on the construction crew of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, then engaged in building their road through this section of the country. After having remained at this employment several years he took up farming, buying twenty acres in Lockridge township. He improved and operated his property and kept on purchasing additional land until he became the owner of a farm of one hundred and seventy acres. Eight or ten years before his death, which occurred in 1898, he retired and rented the land to his sons. His wife died in December, 1882.

William Achenbach attended the district school in Lockridge township. When he attained his majority he left home and rented a farm in Osceola, Iowa. He operated this tract for two years, when he returned to Jefferson county, Iowa, and bought two hundred and forty acres in his native locality. This land he improved and cultivated in part. Now he rents out a large portion of it, retaining the remainder for his own use. He raises forty head of hogs annually, owns eight head of Jersey cattle and one team of horses. Some years ago he bought five hundred and sixty acres of cut-over timber land in Wisconsin, later selling one hundred and sixty acres of the same.

The marriage of William Achenbach and Miss Mary Langner was solemnized March 5, 1891. She was a daughter of John and Eleanor (Reeder) Langner, natives of Poland, who came to this country in 1854 and located in Lockridge township, Jefferson county, Iowa. Here Mr. Langner bought a farm and engaged in agriculture until his death in March, 1894. His widow survived him two years, passing away in April, 1896.

A daughter, Irma Cornelia, born to Mr. and Mrs. Achenbach, April 26, 1907, died January 8, 1911, her death being due to infection from eating impure candy.

William Achenbach has served as school director of his district. He is a loyal republican and with his wife subscribes to the tenets of the Lutheran church. They have a very pleasant home in which hospitality is dispensed with a generous hand and their many friends are given a warm welcome.

THOMA & THOMA.

Roscoe P. and Leo D. Thoma constitute the well known firm of Thoma & Thoma, practicing at the Fairfield bar. They are young men, but a Harvard training and laudable ambition well equip them for professional duties of an important character and they are now enjoying a large and distinctively representative clientage. Roscoe P. Thoma was born in Fairfield, October 8, 1885, and Leo D. on the 16th of May, 1887. They are sons of Louis Thoma, whose birth occurred in Atchison, Kansas, April 23, 1861. Their paternal grandparents were David and Theresa (Irrer) Thoma, both of whom were born near Stuttgart, Germany, where they were reared and married. In 1848 they crossed the Atlantic in one of the old time sailing vessels landing at New York, whence they made their way to Burlington, Iowa. A year later they removed to Kansas and in 1866 came to Fairfield, Iowa, where they resided until called to their final rest, David Thoma passing away in 1878, when fifty-six years of age, while his wife died in February, 1908, at the age of seventy-nine. He was a stone cutter, having come from a part of Germany where nearly every one followed that trade and it remained his occupation throughout his entire life. In response to the country's need in her supreme hour of danger, he enlisted in 1861, in the Third Kansas Cavalry, at the first call for troops and served for three years. Although wounded at the battle of Shiloh he continued at the front and as soon as his health permitted was again actively engaged in duty. Unto him and his wife were born six children: Lena, the wife of George Wurtz, residing in Polk county, Nebraska; Lizzie, the wife of John Bartholomew, a resident of Fairfield; Louis, of Fairfield; Mary, the wife of E. O. White, of Grand Island, Nebraska. Two children, Herman and John, died in their youth.

The birth of Louis Thoma occurred while his father was at the front during the Civil war. He came with his parents to Fairfield in 1866 and has since resided in this city, acquiring his education in its public schools. When sixteen years of age he started out in the business world and secured employment in a drug store. Before attaining his majority he was engaged in business on his own account, becoming a member of the firm of

Hufford, Bradshaw & Thoma. A later change in the personnel of the firm led to the adoption of the firm style of Bradshaw & Thoma, and some time afterward Mr. Bradshaw passed away. The firm is now Thoma & Son, Louis Thoma having admitted his youngest son to a partnership. His first store was located on the south side of the square and later he removed to the west side. He is now conducting business at the southwest corner, having been at his present location for six years. He erected the building in 1893—a double store, one department being used for the sale of drugs, the other for paints and wall paper. The building is forty-four by sixty-six feet, a brick structure two stories in height with basement. Mr. Thoma also owns the Bradshaw & Thoma building occupied by Jerico & Easton as a drug store. It was built by Dr. Bradshaw and Mr. Thoma in 1882. In addition to this Louis Thoma had at one time owned the opera house block but sold it. He is now the owner of the oldest business block in town, occupied today as a harness shop. His real-estate holdings contribute in no small measure to his income and for many years he has been accounted one of the leading and substantial business men of the city.

In September, 1884, Louis Thoma was united in marriage to Miss Antoinette Petzinger, who was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, in 1865, a daughter of Jacob Petzinger, a native of Germany. Their three children are Roscoe P., Leo D. and Clifford I. The last named was born in Fairfield, in January, 1889, was graduated from the high school, attended Parsons College and six years ago entered the drug business with his father. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Thoma is a fine residence at the corner of Washington and B streets. Throughout the period of his residence in Fairfield he has been a public-spirited citizen, interested in all pertaining to the welfare and progress of the city and giving active and helpful support to many measures for the general good. In business, too, he sustains an unassailable reputation for enterprise and reliability and thus enjoys the good will and high regard of all who know him.

The two sons, Roscoe P. and Leo D. Thoma, were students in the public schools and are graduates of the high school, Roscoe P. completing the course in 1902 and Leo D. in 1903. The former then entered Parsons College, from which he was graduated in 1906. The year 1906-7 he spent at the State University. The latter completed a course in the State University at Iowa City in 1907. He had also spent three years in Parsons College but completed his more specifically literary course in the State University. The brothers then entered the Harvard Law School and were graduated in the class of 1910, successfully passing the bar examination in October of that year. They then opened an office in Fairfield and are making substantial progress in their chosen profession. The elder brother

has an A. B. degree from Parsons College and an A. B. from the State University, while the younger has an A. B. from the State University and both received the LL. B. degree from Harvard.

Leo D. Thoma was united in marriage on the 24th of November, 1910, to Miss B. May Fisher, a native of this county, and a daughter of P. H. Fisher. Both brothers are republicans in their political views and have been active in local affairs, doing much to promote public progress along various lines. The elder brother is now secretary of the Law Library Association and the younger secretary of the Chautauqua Association. Having spent their entire lives here they are widely known and many of the comrades of their youth remain the friends of their manhood.

CHARLES LOUIS REEDER.

From the rich farming district of Iowa there have come many men who have won success in agricultural lines and are now enjoying the fruits of their labor in well earned retirement. To this class belongs Charles Louis Reeder who for many years was closely identified with farming pursuits, his wise management of which resulted in substantial success. One of Jefferson county's native sons, he was born in Walnut township on the 27th of June, 1855, his parents being Louis and Sadie (Shanberger) Reeder. Farm work in all of its various phases early became familiar to him, as his youthful days were passed on his father's farm in Jefferson county, which was the training ground upon which he received his preparation for life's practical duties. His intellectual growth had its stimulus in the work of the district schools of Lockridge township, and after laying aside his text-books he devoted his attention entirely to the work of the home fields, assisting his father until the latter's retirement from business and subsequent removal to town. He then operated the homestead independently for some time, and just prior to his father's death purchased the place, consisting of two hundred and eighteen and a half acres. He greatly enhanced the value of the farm by introducing many modern improvements and that his methods were practical and his efforts well directed and effective is indicated by the excellent condition of the place which today ranks among the most desirable properties of the locality. He continued actively in its operation and with the passing of each year the success which attended his labors became more and more substantial until eventually the competence which he had acquired made it possible for him to withdraw from business life. Accordingly on the 10th of April, 1911, although still in the very prime of life, he left the farm



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to the supervision of his two sons and took up his abode in Lockridge, where he purchased a good property and makes his home, which he is greatly improving.

On the 28th of February, 1884, Mr. Reeder was united in marriage to Miss Anna B. Craft, who is a daughter of Henry and Anna B. (Bogner) Craft, natives of Germany. Her father, a farmer by occupation, came to the United States at an early day, locating in Jefferson county, Iowa, where he entered land from the government. This he cleared and improved, and continued in its operation throughout his remaining days. His death occurred on the 29th of December, 1883, but his wife survived until the 14th of February, 1899. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reeder were born five children, as follows: John H., aged twenty-six years, now living on his father's farm; George Louis, aged twenty-five years, assisting his brother in the operation of the old homestead; Barbara S., aged twenty-three years, at home; and Henry F. and Mary F., aged twenty-one and fifteen years respectively, also residing with their parents. The family hold membership in the Lutheran church of Lockridge township, and are prominent in the social circles here in which they move. Politically a democrat, Mr. Reeder has ever given staunch support to that party, and although he has never sought nor desired public office, has served for many years as a director of the schools of Lockridge township. He has deep appreciation for the responsibilities of citizenship and has ever cast his influence unreservedly on the side of improvement and progress along material, intellectual and moral lines. He is now identified with the financial interests of the community as a stockholder of the Lockridge Savings Bank.

JOHN C. KOONTZ.

John C. Koontz, who has the distinction of being the owner of the finest improved farm in Center township, has won a high place for himself in business circles, ranking foremost among the farmers and stockmen of this district. He was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1851; a son of Samuel and Mary (Hannah) Koontz, natives of Germany and Somerset county, Pennsylvania, respectively. The father was brought to America by his parents in early childhood, the family home being established in Pennsylvania, and in that state the greater part of his life was spent. He was a shoe merchant by occupation, and, later, also engaged in agricultural pursuits. About six years previous to his demise, he took up his abode on a farm in West Virginia, and there he passed away at the age of seventy-six years. His wife's death also oc-

curred at that place, when she was seventy-five years of age. Their family of nine children included the following: John C., of this review; William, a resident of Smithfield, Pennsylvania; Alexander, living in Uniontown, Pennsylvania; Charles, of Olympia, Washington; Ross, residing in Wayne county, Ohio; George, of Wayne county, Ohio; Robert, of Davis county, Iowa; Jennie, the widow of Josiah Smith, making her home in West Virginia; and Anna, also living in that state.

John C. Koontz remained a resident of the Keystone state until he was ten years old, when his parents removed to West Virginia and there, on his father's farm, he spent the succeeding five years. In 1868, in company with an uncle, he came west to Iowa, and, for three years, was a resident of West Liberty, Muscatine county. He then came to Jefferson county, and for a time was employed upon the farm belonging to William Douglas, son of William Douglas, Sr. This place has since remained the scene of his business activity for as he was able, he purchased portions of the farm until he became the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of the Douglas estate, located on sections 4 and 9, Center township. He has sold one hundred and twenty and now has one hundred and sixty acres. This is, today, the best improved property in the township, containing a fine modern residence and equipped with two substantial buildings and all the necessary conveniences for the successful conduct of an extensive stock-raising enterprise. Its splendid condition is due entirely to the efforts of Mr. Koontz, who as a raiser and breeder of high class stock has won for himself prominence among the business men of Jefferson county. He makes a specialty of Duroc Jersey hogs, Percheron horses and Shropshire sheep. He also ships a large number of cattle to the Chicago market. The high quality of his stock is widely recognized, and because of this he is able to demand good prices. He has also become interested in other business interests, and was one of the original directors of the Fairfield Creamery Company.

In 1883, Mr. Koontz was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Douglas, who was born in West Virginia on the 26th of November, 1857. In 1868, she was brought to Iowa by her parents, William and Sophia (King) Douglas; he was born in Scotland, she in West Virginia, the former on the 3d of February, 1808, and the latter December 26, 1812. William Douglas was a young man when he took up his residence in West Virginia. There he devoted his remaining days to agricultural pursuits, becoming the owner of a fine tract of land of three hundred and forty acres. He passed away on the 2d of October, 1877; his wife survived until the 11th of March, 1907. Of their family of fourteen children, consisting of ten daughters and four sons, only seven are now living. Jennie was the youngest member of the family, and, by her marriage to Mr. Koontz, she

became the mother of two children: Mary, who married Frank Booth, of Center township, by whom she has one son, Carl; and Ross, married September, 1911, to Miss Pearl Glascow.

A careful study of political questions has led Mr. Koontz to give his stalwart support to the republican party and for a time he served as township trustee, while at present he is filling the office of treasurer of Center township school board. His fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has great appreciation for the social amenities of life and enjoys the high regard of many with whom he has been brought in contact, for his salient characteristics are such as win warm friendships.

FRANK D. KERRICK.

Among the mercantile enterprises of Fairfield is the furniture and undertaking business owned and conducted by Frank D. Kerrick, who started out in this line on the 23d of August, 1895, and has since maintained a place among the leading and prosperous merchants of the city. His business methods have ever been such as would bear close investigation and scrutiny and his course has therefore awakened admiration among his colleagues and contemporaries.

Mr. Kerrick was born in Marshall county, Illinois, June 4, 1867, and is a son of Walter and Sarah (Hollensbe) Kerrick. The father was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, in 1812, and during the greater part of his life devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits. His mother was born in Clarksburg, Indiana, June 14, 1831. They resided upon a farm in Illinois where they reared their family of four boys, namely: Oliver M., who is now living in Grand Junction, Colorado; John E., a resident of Parma, Idaho; Frank D.; and Edwin S., a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah. The father died in Marshall county, Illinois, in 1882, and is survived by his wife who is now a resident of Los Angeles, California.

Frank D. Kerrick resided on the old home farm, which was the place of his birth, until he came to Fairfield. He supplemented his early educational training by three years' study in the state normal at Valparaiso, Indiana, and by a two years' course in Parsons College of Fairfield, coming to this city in January, 1891, since which time he has continuously resided here. He first purchased a quarter of a section of land northwest of Fairfield as an investment and owned and superintended this while pursuing his college course. In 1893 he was united in marriage to Miss Lina C. King, who was born in Ohio, August 4, 1870, and is a daughter

of Perry King, mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Kerrick now have a daughter, Mary Louise, who was born December 5, 1894.

Following his marriage Mr. Kerrick worked for one year as foreman for Bryan, Risk & Salzman at Merrimac, Iowa, in the milling and stock business, and on the 23d of August, 1895, established a furniture and undertaking store in Fairfield of which he has since been proprietor, conducting business at his present location for the past five years. He was at first in partnership with Z. H. Held under the firm style of Held & Kerrick but after three years the senior partner retired, owing to ill health. He was succeeded by Dr. Bradshaw who remained in the business until his death, when his interests were taken over by his son, J. C. Bradshaw. They carry a large line of modern furniture secured from some of the leading manufacturers of the country and their reasonable prices and straightforward business dealings are the salient elements in their success.

Mr. Kerrick belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and the principles that govern his conduct. The republican party finds in him a stalwart advocate and for six years he filled the office of city councilman, exercising his official prerogative in support of various measures for the general good. He retired from that office at the time he was elected city treasurer, which position he has now filled for three years, proving a worthy custodian of the public funds. He is a man who can be depended upon under any conditions and in any emergency. Starting out in life without any vaulting ambition to accomplish something especially great or famous, he has followed the lead of his opportunities, doing as best he could anything that has come to hand and seizing legitimate advantages as they have arisen. He has never hesitated to take a forward step when the way was open and, fortunate in possessing ability and character that inspire confidence in others, the simple weight of his character and ability have carried him into important relations with the mercantile interests of his adopted city.

CHARLES C. RADLEY.

Charles C. Radley resides in an attractive modern residence that stands in the midst of a well improved farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 18, Buchanan township. He has made his home here for nine years, which period has been entirely sufficient to establish him among the representative and worthy agriculturists of the community. He was born in Peoria county, Illinois, December 30, 1861, his parents being George

and Miriam I. (Chessman) Radley. The father's birth occurred in Devonshire, England, December 13, 1810, and the mother was born in New York city, October 11, 1818. When eighteen years of age George Radley began working on a farm for his grandfather, in whose employ he remained for seven years, and then went to Peoria county, Illinois, where he was married and began farming on his own account, continuing to till the soil until he retired from active business life. At that time he removed to Brimfield. In his family were six children: George, who is living in Dunlap, Illinois; Isabel, the deceased wife of Arthur Cone; Jane, who died in infancy; William H., who has also passed away; Miriam, the deceased wife of J. B. Congram; and Charles C.

The last named was reared upon the old homestead farm in his native county and early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, working in the fields from the time of early spring planting until crops were harvested in the late autumn save for the periods which he spent in school. When he started out in life on his own account he determined to follow the occupation to which he had been reared and was connected with farming interests in Illinois until 1902, when he removed to Chillicothe, Missouri. After six months' residence in that state, however, he came to Jefferson county, Iowa, and purchased his present farm, which is pleasantly and conveniently situated not far from Fairfield, on section 18, Buchanan township. It comprises two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land, which is under a high state of cultivation, returning to him golden harvests for the care and labor he bestows upon the fields. He also carries on stock-raising. The farm is a well improved property in every particular and his attractive modern home is commodious and conveniently arranged, containing ten rooms. There are also substantial sheds and barns upon the place, giving ample shelter for grain and stock.

On the 17th of February, 1887, Mr. Radley was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Ella Silloway, who was born in Warren county, Iowa, April 11, 1864, a daughter of Isgoldsby and Lydia (Huey) Silloway. The father was a native of Berlin, Washington county, Vermont, born November 5, 1832, and the mother's birth occurred in Ohio county, West Virginia, December 14, 1836. They were married in Peoria, Illinois, and spent the greater part of their lives there, but for a few years were residents of Jefferson county. However they afterward returned to Peoria and their last days were passed in that city. The father was a carpenter and for a considerable period followed his trade, but afterward devoted his attention to farming. He died February 18, 1907, and his wife passed away August 31, 1908. They had traveled life's journey together as man and wife for almost fifty years, having been married in Peoria, April 22, 1857.

They were parents of four children: Clara, the wife of Thad Chamberlain, of Peoria; Mrs. Radley; Arden H., a resident of Montana; and Faye, the wife of O. R. Schleicher, of Peoria. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Radley have been born five children: William; Laura F., the wife of Rollin R. Hawk, of Pleasant Plain, this county; Bertha; Thurlow; and Walter. The youngest was born in Jefferson county and the four oldest in Peoria county, Illinois. The family have become widely and favorably known during their residence in Jefferson county and by reason of his earnest and well directed effort, his unfaltering energy and sound business judgment Mr. Radley has made for himself a place among the leading agriculturists here.

LEONARD F. CARLSON.

Of Swedish parentage on the paternal side, Leonard F. Carlson is numbered among the sons of those pioneer settlers who came from Sweden to America, pushing their way westward beyond the Mississippi in the days when rolling prairies of wild land stretched in endless monotony to the foothills of the Rockies. At the age of twenty his father, Adam Carlson, came to America from Sweden where he had worked at farm labor. Arriving in this country in 1856 he located in Ottumwa, Iowa, and became a day laborer in a brick yard in that town. He did not continue in this employment very long, but on the advice and solicitation of friends came to Jefferson county, Iowa, to engage in agriculture. He bought a small farm in Round Prairie township which he improved and operated. He was married to Miss Susan Anderson and, during their residence here on the Round Prairie farm in Jefferson county, their son, Leonard F. Carlson, was born June 24, 1877. At the end of four years Mr. Carlson sold this farm and removed his family to the town of Rome, Henry county, Iowa, where he entered the employment of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. In this he continued for a period of twelve years and at the expiration of this time once more harkened to the call of rural life. He therefore bought a farm of one hundred and sixteen acres in Lockridge township, later adding to this by a further purchase of forty acres. This land he improved and operated for about fifteen years. Then, giving the management of the farm over to his son Leonard, he retired, going back to Rome, Iowa, to live. Here he still resides being seventy-five years old. His wife is sixty years old.

Leonard F. Carlson was reared and educated in Rome, Henry county, Iowa, where he attended the public schools. For the past ten years he

has been engaged in operating his father's farm with much success. He raises thirty head of hogs annually, and feeds thirty head of cattle and five horses.

The marriage of Leonard F. Carlson to Miss Etta Duttweiler was solemnized on New Year's day, 1902. She is a daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Baldosier) Duttweiler. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson were blessed with the birth of two children, twins born near the close of the year 1902. They are named Francis A. and Florence R. Mr. Carlson is a republican in his political views and with his family holds membership in the Baptist church. He is a man of forceful character and genial personality, highly esteemed by all who know him.

PHILIP CARY.

While there are residents of Jefferson county who have taken a more active part in the political activities of the county or have sought to exert a wider influence in fraternal circles, there is perhaps no resident of the county that has a more extensive local acquaintance or in a larger measure merits the high regard of those with whom he has had business dealings than Philip Cary. He was born in Athens county, Ohio, July 19, 1842, his parents being William and Mary (Wallace) Cary, both of whom were natives of France and in their childhood days were brought by their respective parents to America; each family establishing its home in Ohio. Mrs. Cary was the first woman to graduate in medicine in the United States, completing a course in Athens College about 1850. She was a second cousin of General Lew Wallace. Her whole life was spent in Ohio after coming to the new world; and, for a few years, she engaged actively in the practice of medicine. William Cary was a man of scholarly attainments. In his younger days he engaged in teaching, but, later, took up the occupation of farming. He remained a resident of Ohio until his death, which occurred when he was about sixty years of age. In the family were eleven children, five of whom reached mature years: James, now deceased; Angeline, who has also passed away; Elizabeth, who is the widow of John Michmer, of Morgan county, Ohio; Philip; and Albert, who is living in Wisconsin. He was married but lost his wife.

Philip Cary was a resident of his native county until he reached the age of five years, after which the family removed to Pike county, that state. Here the subject of this sketch was living at the time of his enlistment for service in the Civil war, in July, 1861. He was assigned to duty first to Company I and then with Company C, Fifty-sixth Ohio Volunteer

Infantry; and served for three years, after which he veteranized, remaining with his command until April 26, 1866, when he was honorably discharged at New Orleans. He acted as orderly for General Sherman and was detailed for service as his clerk. In this way, Mr. Cary became intimately acquainted with that noted military commander, for whom he carried hundreds of messages and took many midnight rides. He was known as the "temperance boy" of his division for though, in the discharge of his duties, he measured out whiskey to the boys he never tasted a drop. He was on detached duty at New Orleans for six months, in 1865, acting as turnkey of the police station in that city, during which time one hundred and fifty desperate criminals were under his charge and never a one escaped. They were conveyed by him to various places; and, at the end of the half-year, our subject was transferred to the ladies' prison, of which he had charge for some time. He twice served as judge of regimental elections; he also saw much active duty on the field of battle, participating in ten regular engagements and four skirmishes. He declined promotion, although he was told, frequently, by General Sherman and General Phil Sheridan that he should have a commission.

When the war was over, Mr. Cary returned to Ohio and in 1872, came to Iowa, settling first in Keokuk county, whence in 1892, he came to Jefferson county. All through the years he has been engaged in market gardening; and it is this line which has made him so well known throughout Fairfield, where he is called the "Vegetable Man." For thirty-five years he has engaged in selling fresh vegetables and fruit of his own raising to the housewives of this vicinity; and, for thirty-five years, he has used the same delivery wagon. His record book indicates that he has in this way traveled over three hundred and fifty thousand miles. The produce which he sells is always fresh and of excellent quality; and he has no difficulty in securing patrons, because of the excellence of the goods which he handles and his reasonable prices and honorable dealing.

While a soldier in the Civil war, Mr. Cary returned home on a furlough. In 1864, he was married to Miss Mary A. Cissna, who was born in Pike county, Ohio, in 1841, a daughter of David Cissna of that county, where her marriage took place. Unto this union have been born seven children: Alonzo B., now living in Sigourney, Iowa; Luella, the wife of E. S. Frye, of Burlington, Kansas; Fannie May, the wife of Truman Ronley, of Fairfield; Charles, of this city; Rosa, who was a very precocious child but died at the age of seven years; and twin daughters who died in infancy.

Soon after the close of the war, Mr. Cary began to preach in the Baptist church; and, while living in Pike county, Ohio, he erected a house of worship to be used jointly by the Baptists, the United Brethren and the

Methodist Episcopal people in that locality. His life has always conformed to his teachings, and there has been nothing narrow in his views. He believes that each individual has a right to hold to his own religious opinions. In politics, our subject was for many years a republican, but his views on the temperance question led him to become identified with the prohibition party and he is now its secretary in Jefferson county. Mr. Cary has been elected for twenty-nine consecutive years as officer of the day in the Grand Army of the Republic, acting for ten years in Sigourney, Iowa, and for twenty years in Litchfield. He has written many poems and pieces of music, which have been published. Nearly all of these productions are permeated by a strong patriotic strain, breathing a spirit of loyalty to the country. Progress and patriotism constitute the keynote of Mr. Cary's character; his position is never an equivocal one, for it is known that his influence is always to be found on the side of right and improvement.

HENRY C. ROWNTREE.

Henry C. Rowntree was widely known in insurance circles in both Iowa and Nebraska and won recognition as a progressive, enterprising business man whose labors were fruitful of substantial results. Moreover his personal qualities were such as won for him the kindly regard and warm friendship of those with whom he came in contact and therefore the news of his death brought a sense of personal bereavement to all who had known him. He was born in Orange county, New York, April 22, 1846, his parents being Henry and Hannah (Wray) Rowntree, both of whom were natives of England. They were born in Sheffield and were of Quaker descent. The father became a minister of that church and always adhered to that faith. Both he and his wife came to the United States in youthful days and their marriage was celebrated in New York. At one time Henry Rowntree was a salesman for the Sheffield Cutlery Company and on the 1st of March, 1856, he came to the middle west, settling on a farm at Springdale in Cedar county, Iowa. There he resided for twenty years, carefully developing and improving his land, and at the end of that time he removed to Florida Keys, where he engaged in merchandising. There his death occurred in 1873 and his wife, having survived him ten years, passed away in New York city. In their family were seven children. Robert, the eldest, served with distinction in the United States navy during the Civil war, holding a captain's commission at its

close. He has now passed away. Joseph and William are also deceased. John, who has likewise departed this life, enlisted from Muscatine, Muscatine county, for service in the Union army but was discharged on account of disability. Henry C. is the youngest of the brothers and the sisters are Elizabeth and Mary, both residents of Chicago.

Henry C. Rowntree spent the first ten years of his life in the Empire state and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa. He remained at home until eighteen years of age and during that period attended the district schools while later he went to Iowa City where he learned the tinner's trade. He was married in 1867 and in 1871 came to Fairfield, here establishing his home. In this city he entered the insurance business which he followed in Jefferson county for eighteen years. On the expiration of that period he went to Nebraska as state agent and adjuster of the German Insurance Company of Freeport, Illinois. After the San Francisco disaster he associated himself with the Royal Insurance Company, having Nebraska as his territory with headquarters in Omaha. While connected with the German Insurance Company Mr. Rowntree for twenty years made his headquarters at Lincoln. While business interests called him for some time from this state Mr. Rowntree ever maintained close relations with many of his old friends here and his last days were spent in Fairfield, where he passed away on the 7th of November, 1909. His widow now resides in an attractive little home on West Washington street.

It was on the 2d of July, 1867, that Mr. Rowntree was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Rider, a daughter of William C. and Jane (Callahan) Rider. Her father was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, and made farming his life work. In his native county he married Jane Callahan who was also born there and in 1844 they removed westward to Woodstock, McHenry county, Illinois, where Mr. Rider soon afterward purchased a farm on which they took up their abode. At the same time he opened and conducted a store in Woodstock. The wife and mother was not long permitted to enjoy her new home, her death occurring in 1847. Mr. Rider continued his residence in Woodstock until the '50s when he removed to Iowa, making his home with his son Henry in Muscatine for some time. His last days, however, were spent at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Morford of Griswold, Iowa, where he passed away in 1878. In the Rider family were five children: Martha, Mary and Susan, all now deceased; W. H., a retired farmer living in Muscatine; and Mrs. Rowntree. To Mr. and Mrs. Rowntree was born an only child, Helen Josephine, and it was the greatest blow to the parents when death took this daughter, on the 26th of April, 1889, at a time when she was just entering young womanhood, being twenty years of age.

In his political views Mr. Rowntree was a republican and always kept informed on the questions and issues of the day so that he was able to support his position by intelligent argument. He belonged to the Quaker church of Pleasant Plain, Iowa, and Mrs. Rowntree is a member of the Presbyterian church of Fairfield. He was widely and favorably known in fraternal circles, holding membership in the Odd Fellows lodge at Lincoln, Nebraska, the United Workmen lodge of Fairfield, the Legion of Honor at Fairfield and the Royal Highlanders of Lincoln. His wife is a prominent member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Rebekahs and the Royal Neighbors, all of Fairfield, and occupies a prominent position in the social circles of the city where her influence is strongly felt as a progressive element. Mr. Rowntree had attractive social qualities which won him many friends and his business reliability and enterprise gained for him an honored name in business circles. Wherever he was known he was held in high regard and most of all where he was best known. He was loyal in friendship, equally faithful in citizenship and at all times was true to every trust that was reposed in him.

ALEXANDER HOPKIRK.

Alexander Hopkirk is a native of Lockridge township, born in October, 1853. His parents, William and Mary Hopkirk, were natives of Scotland. His father came to this country when a youth and settled in Ohio where he was employed in woolen mills for four years. He then returned to Scotland to the "bonnie lassie" who had waited long for him. They were married and Mr. and Mrs. Hopkirk made their bridal journey the voyage to America. They did not go to Ohio to begin housekeeping, however, but came at once to Jefferson county, Iowa, where Mr. Hopkirk bought land. This he cleared and began to farm, continuing in this occupation until his death in 1892.

Alexander Hopkirk was brought up on the home farm and sent to the district school which course he completed and supplemented with one year at Mt. Pleasant College. He then came home and assisted his father with the farm work. Just prior to his father's death he bought the home place of one hundred and sixty acres, improving and operating it until 1907 when he sold out and purchased forty acres near the town of Lockridge. Here he farmed for three years when he sold this place to his son, Raymond A., who is now cultivating it.

For a helpmate Alexander Hopkirk chose Addie L. Ripley whom he married in the fall of 1881. Her parents lived and died in Maine, never

following the moving current of population westward. To Mr. and Mrs. Hopkirk were born three children. Nellie M. is married to Reverend Ernest Phipps, residing at Sigourney, Iowa. Raymond A., aged twenty, is cultivating the home farm in Lockridge township purchased of his father a year ago. He raises thirty head of hogs annually and owns four horses for work on the farm. Bessie L., aged seventeen, keeps house for her brother on the Lockridge farm. Mrs. Hopkirk passed away in April, 1902, after a week's illness with measles.

For the past year Mr. Hopkirk has been located on a fruit ranch in Colorado but his intention is to return to Jefferson county shortly. He is republican in his political sympathies, has been justice of the peace of this township and has acted as school director. In addition to his farming he taught school during the fall and winter terms for sixteen years. He belongs to the Baptist church which his children also have joined. Living in comfort and, long since free from the cares of winning a livelihood, he is enjoying the fruits of his conscientious labor in earlier years.

THOMAS J. WATKINS.

Vitally interested in the many problems of scientific farming, Thomas J. Watkins has met with well merited success in his chosen calling, which he still pursues, now operating the homestead farm in Round Prairie township, Jefferson county. He was born in Fulton county, Ohio, December 9, 1846, and was a son of Stephen F. and Mary (Watkins) Watkins, both natives of Ohio, where the father followed agricultural pursuits until 1855. The family then removed to Jefferson county, Iowa, and settled on a farm of one hundred and seventy acres. This land the father cleared and improved working in the fields until his death in 1873. Mrs. Watkins passed away in November, 1910.

Thomas J. Watkins passed his youth under the parental roof and obtained his early education in the common schools of Ohio and continued for a time in Jefferson county after his arrival here. He was a lad of nine years when the journey was made from Ohio to Iowa, but he remembers vividly the incidents of that momentous ride which the family made in a covered wagon much like the prairie schooners that dotted the western plains on their way beyond the great divide. When arrived at legal age he rented a farm which he operated for two years when he gave it up in order to engage in the mercantile business at Glasgow, following this pursuit for four years. He then resumed agricultural labors again, renting a tract of land which he cultivated for many years until, induced by a

good opportunity to invest in land, he bought a farm in Harrison county, Iowa, remaining there until 1908, when he sold out his holdings and returned to Jefferson county on account of the failing health of his mother. Her death occurred two years later but he still manages the home farm, tilling the soil with patient industry, reaping bountiful crops and feeding a good grade of cattle.

The marriage of Mr. Watkins and Miss Belle Stewart, a daughter of Levi and Mary (McElfresh) Stewart, took place on November 20, 1872. Mrs. Watkins' father was a native of Maryland and came to Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1855, locating in Cedar township where he bought a tract of land which he cultivated for many years, retiring at length to Glasgow to a comfortable home which he purchased and in which he resided until his death in January, 1878. Mrs. Stewart, who was a native of Ohio, died on May 11, 1886. The five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Watkins are: Stella M., the wife of Joseph Howell, a farmer in Lockridge township; Clemma, living at home; Ethel, the wife of Charles Rawlings, a farmer in Cedar township; Alberta, the wife of Harry Boekhoff, a farmer in Van Buren county; and Mary E., living at home.

In their religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Watkins subscribe to the tenets of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Watkins is a democrat and is an ardent worker for the cause of his party, believing in the principles for which it stands. While he has never filled a political position, being indifferent to the honors of office, he has very creditably served as school director in his district. Retiring in his disposition, content with life as it is, he has lived remote from the more sordid conflicts which harsh conditions in our present business life force upon many a man, and as his reward enjoys the peace of mind that passeth understanding.

SAMUEL K. WEST.

Samuel K. West, who since 1901 has been cashier of the Fairfield National Bank and is also interested in valuable farming properties adjoining the city of Fairfield, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, March 7, 1844, his parents being Otho and Elizabeth (Keys) West, both of whom were natives of Greene county, Pennsylvania. After their marriage, they resided for some years in Washington county, whence they removed, in 1868, to Fairfield, Iowa, spending their remaining days in this city. The father died in 1899, the mother in 1905, and their remains were interred in the Fairfield cemetery. They were both in their eighty-fourth year at the time of their demise. Throughout his business life,

Otho West had followed the occupation of farming and was the owner of a valuable tract of land six miles north of Fairfield, in Black Hawk township. He lived upon that place for some years, but returned to the city in 1880. Unto him and his wife were born five children, of whom Samuel K. is the eldest, the others being: John, a retired farmer now living in Fairfield; J. A., also a retired farmer of this city; A. P., living in Hays, Kansas; and Lizzie, the wife of C. W. Reeder, likewise of Hays.

Samuel K. West spent his youthful days in his native county. In young manhood he came to Iowa with his parents, with whom he resided for a year, after their arrival in Fairfield. For a number of years, he was engaged in the live-stock business here, during which period he proved his ability as an enterprising, energetic and sagacious business man. He then turned his attention to banking and was made cashier of the Fairfield National Bank, on the 3d of September, 1901, when the Jefferson County State Bank was reorganized under the present name. He has since figured prominently in the financial circles of the city, and his work in the management and conduct of this institution constitutes an important factor in its growth and success. He is a popular, courteous and obliging official, and his sound judgment is manifest in his careful control of the interests of the bank. In addition to his stock in the bank, Mr. West owns a farm of two hundred and twenty acres adjoining the corporation limits of Fairfield on the north, and makes his home thereon. He is likewise the owner of a half interest in two hundred acres in Wayne county, and his farm property returns him a desirable income.

Mr. West is entitled to wear the grand army button, for at the time of the Civil war he manifested his loyalty to the Union cause by active service at the front, enlisting in July, 1862, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, as a member of Ring's Cavalry, an independent battalion, which a year and a half later was recruited and attached to a regiment known as the Twenty-second Pennsylvania Cavalry. His command was attached to the Army of the Potomac and was on active duty in the Shenandoah valley under General Phil Sheridan, Mr. West receiving an honorable discharge at the close of the war. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party; and his fellow townsmen appreciative of his worth and ability, have called him to office. He served for two terms, or four years, as county treasurer and for six years was a member of the board of education, acting as its president for three years. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and is prominent in Masonic circles, holding membership in Clinton Lodge, A. F. & A. M., McCord Chapter, R. A. M., Council No. 5, R. & S. M. and Gethsemane Commandery, K. T. He is in thorough sympathy with the beneficent and fraternal spirit of the craft, and is equally loyal to his professions as a member of the Methodist church. In

fact the principles of his life are those of honorable, upright manhood and citizenship and have brought him the high regard and esteem of his fellow townsmen.

THEODORE HOCHULY.

From early boyhood Theodore Hochuly has resided in Fairfield, and since 1901 has been engaged in the practice of law in the Jefferson county court, being now junior partner in the firm of Sloan & Hochuly, his associate being Judge Robert Sloan. He was born at Foxlake, Wisconsin, November 29, 1869, and in 1877 came to this city with his parents, the Rev. John and Samantha (Leggett) Hochuly. The father was a native of Switzerland but during his infancy was brought to America by his parents who settled in Pennsylvania, his youthful days being passed in Allegheny, that state. He supplemented his early education by a course in Kenyon College, of Ohio, and having prepared for the ministry entered the priesthood of the Episcopal church. When a young man he came to Fairfield and built the Episcopal church at this place, also organizing and conducting the first Sunday school in Fairfield. At different times he preached at various places in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin, but he was married in Fairfield and spent his last days here, passing away in 1893, when about sixty-seven years of age. His wife was born in Ohio but in early girlhood came to Iowa with her parents and died in Fairfield in 1899, at the age of sixty-six years. She belonged to the Leggett family, a most prominent one in the county. In their family were four children: Mamie L. and Martha, both living in Denver, Colorado; Theodore; and Elizabeth, the wife of the Rev. W. A. Mast, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Napoleon, Ohio.

Theodore Hochuly has continuously made Fairfield his home since he came to this city with his parents when a little lad of about eight years. He pursued his education in the public schools until graduated from the high school with the class of 1888, after which he continued his studies in Parsons College, of this city, from which he was graduated in 1892. For a few years in early manhood he was engaged in the real-estate business and also became prominent in local military circles. In 1896 he assisted in organizing Company G, of the Fiftieth Infantry Regiment of the Iowa National Guard and went south during the Spanish-American war. On the 1st of December, 1898, he was mustered out and soon afterward entered the law office of Leggett & McKemey, with whom he remained for eight years, or until June, 1907. The senior partner of the firm was his

uncle, Charles D. Leggett, long a distinguished representative of the legal profession here. In 1901 Mr. Hochuly was admitted to the bar but continued in practice with his former preceptors for six years, when he withdrew from that connection to join Judge Robert Sloan in organizing the present firm of Sloan & Hochuly. The firm is accorded a liberal share of the legal business of the county and has been actively connected with many important cases in the last few years. Mr. Hochuly is an able trial lawyer and keeps well informed on all the different departments of the law, so that he is ready for any demand that is made upon his professional service.

In 1906 occurred the marriage of Mr. Hochuly and Miss Mary A. Bates, a daughter of Adin K. Bates, and a niece of Daniel P. Stubbs, now deceased, who was at one time a prominent attorney of Fairfield. Mr. Hochuly is a member of a number of fraternal orders and belongs also to the Episcopal church. He is likewise a member of the Commercial Club, of which he is serving as secretary and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party but does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his professional duties and his close application, thorough study and comprehensive knowledge have constituted the basis of the gratifying advancement which he has made.

ANDREW F. CASSEL.

Andrew F. Cassel is widely known throughout this section of the country for the numerous political offices he has held and for his interest in educational and religious questions touching the intellectual and moral welfare of his community. He has the further distinction of being the son of one of the first Swedish settlers in the western states. His father, Peter Cassel, came to this country in 1845, locating in Jefferson county, Iowa. In Sweden he had been a farmer by occupation, but his love for machinery and the mechanical arts had led him to spend most of his time in the manufacture of threshing machines. He had also been a proficient millwright and worked in this capacity for some time after his arrival in this country. Like the others of the little band of Swedish immigrants who had crossed the ocean with him and accompanied him to his destination in Iowa, he bought a plat of land in Lockridge township and entered upon a career of farming. It was raw, unbroken land that he found out on the wind-swept prairie, but Swedish industry and Swedish thrift worked a marvelous transformation in the once barren landscape. Green fields of waving corn,



A. F. CASSEL



MRS. A. F. CASSEL

barley and wheat appeared in their due season to gladden the hearts of the toilers and give them promise of riches to come. Mr. Cassel's farm comprised one hundred and forty acres of land which he cultivated for the remainder of his life. On March 4, 1857, death too soon claimed him, cutting short his labors. His wife, whose maiden name was Katherine Anderson and became by her marriage the mother of Andrew F. Cassel, outlived her husband by twenty years, passing away in May, 1877.

When thirteen years of age Andrew F. Cassel, whose birth occurred December 3, 1831, accompanied his parents to the United States. He had already received a good fundamental education in Sweden which he continued in the district schools of his township in order to acquire a ready use of English. He remained at home assisting with the chores and the work in the fields so that, when his father died, he was prepared to take full charge of the operation of the farm. At the death of his mother he came into possession of the home farm by purchasing from the other heirs their shares in the title. He then set about improving the place and adding more land to it until now he owns one hundred and ninety acres, a part of which he rents keeping the rest for his own use.

The marriage of Mr. Andrew F. Cassel to Miss Louise Peterson was solemnized November 13, 1857. She was a daughter of Andrew and Christina Peterson, natives of Sweden. Her parents had severed their home ties in order to seek better opportunities for themselves and their children in the land of promise across the sea, but on the voyage over Mr. Peterson and two of the children died of cholera. It was a sad little band consisting of the mother and seven children who came at length to join the Swedish colony in Lockridge township, Jefferson county, Iowa. Undaunted in her determination, however, the mother bought forty acres of land and began farming with the aid of her children until these were old enough to take from her the heavy burdens which the responsibility of providing for the needs of her family had thrust upon her. It is to women like Mrs. Peterson that we owe an unpaid tribute, the widowed mother with a crown of sorrow on her brow going forth cheerfully from home and friends to endure hardships and toil, to suffer privation, to encounter sickness and the bereavement of death, and yet through it all retaining a faith unshaken in its sublime serenity. At the shrine of her memory let us pause for a moment in silent adoration.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew F. Cassel had ten children born to them, four of whom died in infancy. Those living are: Mary Ella, living at home; John Wesley, book-keeper in the Iowa State Savings Bank at Fairfield; Simon P., employed as an engineer on the Union Pacific Railroad and residing in Omaha, Nebraska; Andrew E., a rural mail carrier living in Fairfield, Iowa; Clara S., the wife of George Stephenson, a farmer of Lock-

ridge township and Esther A., the wife of G. V. Scott, farmer and trustee of Lockridge township.

Mr. Cassel is a republican in his political sympathies. He cast his first vote for Fremont as president. Always an eager worker for the good of his community, he has often and repeatedly been called to office by the many warm friends who appreciate his sincere and progressive spirit. He served as state representative from his district in the twenty-ninth, the thirtieth and the thirty-first general assemblies, was for nine years a member of the board of supervisors, and for a long period of years acted in the capacity of trustee of the township and director of the school in his district. In the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1884, Mr. Cassel, on account of his active interest in the work of this church, was sent as one of the delegates from the state of Iowa. He is a stockholder in the Iowa State Savings Bank of Fairfield, Iowa, and has served as the secretary of the Swedish Mutual Fire Insurance Association ever since its organization January 1, 1870. His wife died June 27, 1900, having been an invalid for six years preceding.

Few men in Jefferson county have lived a fuller life than Mr. Cassel nor have been more willing to give of their time and services for the good of the family, the school, the church, the state and the nation. He has never shirked a responsibility; and whatever duties were laid upon him he has discharged with utter willingness, asking for no other reward than the joy that comes of service well performed.

JAMES V. WEBB.

James V. Webb is devoting his energies to the cultivation of a fine farm of one hundred and fifty-nine acres that he owns on section 8, Locust Grove township, where he is meeting with a gratifying measure of success. He was born in Pleasant township, Wapello county, Iowa, on the 16th of March, 1871, and is a son of Isham and Jane (Shrom) Webb. The birth of the father occurred in Jefferson county, Iowa, on the 14th of March, 1844, while the mother was born in Ohio, January 1, 1852. During the entire period of his active career Isham Webb engaged in agricultural pursuits in different parts of his native county, but he passed away on the farm of his son, James V., in Van Buren county, his demise occurring on the 1st of April, 1907. The mother was living in Bladensburg, Iowa, at the time of her death in December, 1879. There were four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Webb: James V., our subject; Mary Ellen,

the wife of O. C. Davis, a farmer of Wapello county; Lydia, who married Leroy Reynolds, a carpenter of Portland, Oregon; and George, who is farming in Emmett county, Iowa. The paternal grandfather, Jefferson Webb, was a native of Ohio, whence he removed to Indiana, coming to Iowa in 1843. He settled on a farm in Center township, in the vicinity of Fairfield, being one of the pioneers of Jefferson county, as was also the family of his first wife, Nancy Pleu, who was a native of Indiana.

James V. Webb remained at home, attending the district schools and assisting his father with the work of the farm until he was fifteen years of age. At the end of that time he began for himself as a farm hand, continuing to follow this occupation until he was twenty-five years of age, during that period acquiring sufficient capital to enable him to begin farming on his own account. He began his career as an independent agriculturist in Van Buren county, where he resided until the spring of 1911, when he came to Jefferson county. Here he purchased what was known as the Charles Conner farm, containing one hundred and fifty-nine acres of land in Locust Grove township, where he is now residing. Practical in his ideas by reason of his intelligent and capably directed efforts Mr. Webb is meeting with excellent success. His fields are operated under his personal supervision and as a result annually yield abundant harvests that command good prices.

On the 24th of January, 1897, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Webb and Miss Daisy Sterner, a daughter of Wallace and Martha (Porter) Sterner. The father, who is a native of Pennsylvania, came to Iowa in the '70s, locating on a farm in Wapello county, in the cultivation of which he has met with most gratifying success, being numbered among the prosperous agriculturists in his community. The mother is deceased, having passed away on the family homestead in 1904. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Sterner numbered seven children, as follows: Daisy, now Mrs. Webb; Eva, the wife of Edgar Harris a farmer of Locust Grove township, this county; Lesie, the deceased wife of A. C. McCart, a farmer of Wapello county; John, a farmer living in the vicinity of Eddyville, Iowa; Mary, who is deceased; and Marion and Belle, who are at home with their father. Mr. and Mrs. Webb are the parents of six children: Dora M., who is thirteen years of age; Iva, now twelve; Inez, of ten summers; William Wallace, aged eight years; Lester I., who is looking forward to his fifth birthday; and Russell, a babe of six months. The four eldest are all pupils of Hickory Ridge district school, No. 2.

The family attend the services of the Methodist Episcopal church of Bladensburg, in which Mrs. Webb holds membership. The fraternal connections of Mr. Webb are confined to his membership in the Masonic order, his local affiliation being with Abingdon Lodge, No. 104, A. F. &

A. M. In his political views he is a democrat and served an unexpired term as trustee in Des Moines township, while living in Van Buren county. A man of decision, energy and definite purpose, by reason of the intelligent direction of his undertakings, Mr. Webb is meeting with an encouraging measure of prosperity, the just and highly deserved reward of his efforts.

HUGH CIAIG PATTISON.

One of Jefferson county's successful farmers, who has long been prominently identified not only with the political life of the township but that of the county, is Hugh Ciaig Pattison, who owns and operates a fine farm in Cedar township. He was born on the farm where he is now living on the 7th of March, 1868, and is the son of Robert and Rosa (Gilbert) Pattison, both natives of County Antrim, Ireland, the father's natal day being the 31st of October, 1816, and that of the mother Christmas day, 1828. They were both of Scotch-Irish extraction, the paternal grandmother having gone to Ireland from Scotland with the Ross clan, while the maternal grandfather was born in Scotland. Robert Pattison emigrated to the United States in 1849, locating in Jefferson county, where he pre-empted eighty acres of land. He later extended the boundaries of his farm by the addition of another eighty acres, a portion of which he subsequently sold. The maternal grandparents came to this country prior to 1847, settling on a farm located east of Fairfield, now known as the old Gilbert homestead. Here they were later joined by their daughter Rosa and some of their other children. On the 31st of October, 1849, Mr. Pattison and Miss Gilbert were married, beginning their domestic life on the farm he had already purchased on section 20, Cedar township. There they resided until the father passed away on May 7, 1896, since which the widow has made her home with her daughter, Miss Ellen M. Pattison, who lives across the road from the old homestead. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Pattison numbered ten, our subject being the ninth in the family and the youngest son. The others in order of birth are as follows: A. W., who is a contractor and carpenter at Salem, Idaho; John M., who is deceased; Annie, the deceased wife of J. M. Conley, of Fort Madison, Iowa; Emma J., the wife of George P. Conley, a carpenter of Salem, Idaho; Robert Ross, who is engaged in fruit growing and bee culture in Fowler, Colorado; Mattie B., the wife of John W. Elm, a farmer of Hill City, Kansas; Rosetta M., the deceased wife of A. R. Speer, a farmer of Cedar township; W. J., who is engaged in the real-estate and insurance business in Claude, Texas; and Ellen M., who is living with her mother.

At the usual age Hugh Ciaig Pattison began his education which was pursued in the third district school in Cedar township, and during that time he also assisted in the work about the farm. He remained at home, where he was associated in agricultural pursuits with his father, until his marriage. Subsequent to this event he rented the N. D. Ankrom place, located a mile and a half east of Fairfield, that he operated for two and a half years. Following the death of his father he purchased one hundred and fifty-seven acres of the old homestead, together with the original buildings and here he has ever since resided. He is a good business man and capable agriculturist and is meeting with a gratifying degree of success from his undertakings. His personal attention is given to the tilling of his fields and the harvesting of his crops as well as to the various minor operations about the place, which is kept in excellent condition. He keeps a good grade of cattle, his fields are in a high state of cultivation and the buildings on his farm are in good repair, all manifesting the spirit of thrift and prosperity that invariably accompanies capable supervision.

On the 17th of March, 1896, Mr. Pattison was married to Miss Eliza Stout, a daughter of Ephraim and Angeline (Miller) Stout, who are mentioned at greater length elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Pattison is the fourth in order of birth of the six children, the others being as follows: Ella, the wife of S. W. Fry, a farmer of Cedar township; Albert, who is a farmer of Van Buren county; William, who is a farmer of Cedar township; Effie, the wife of William McWhirter, also a farmer of this township; and Bertha, the wife of A. Frame, a farmer and ranchman of North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Pattison have three children: Earl W., who was born on the 30th of April, 1897; Paul E., whose birth occurred on the 18th of March, 1899; and Edna L., who was born on the 30th of June, 1904. They are all attending the third district school.

Mr. Pattison is very public-spirited, as was also his father, who offered his services to the Union during the Civil war, but they were refused owing to his age. He is a staunch republican, and has always done his best to keep the party together in his township. Ever since he attained his majority he has been prominently connected with the political life of the township, having been under bonds continuously, as he puts it, since long before his marriage. When he was twenty-two years of age he was elected superintendent of roads, under the old law, and served for seven years, while for fourteen years he was secretary of the Cedar township school board. He was elected township trustee, but served in this capacity for only one year, resigning in order to accept the office of county supervisor. He was the youngest man ever elected to this office in Jefferson county, and served from 1904 to January, 1911. Mr. Pattison is very popular not only among his constituency, but the entire community, where he is rec-

ognized as a thoroughly capable and trustworthy official, his record being particularly free from any petty political scandal. In matters of faith both he and his wife and their two older children are Presbyterians, holding membership in the church of Cedar township, of which Mr. Pattison has been an elder and the clerk of sessions ever since its organization in 1898. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and belongs to the lodge at Fairfield. Mr. Pattison has met with a fair degree of prosperity in his undertakings and in the county where his entire life has been spent is widely known and held in favorable regard by reason of his genuine personal worth and his clean public record.

AMOS TAYLOR.

The late Amos Taylor was one of the highly esteemed citizens of Des Moines township, where he is still kindly remembered by some of the older residents, although more than eighteen years have elapsed since he departed this life. His birth occurred in Ross county, Ohio, on the 15th of February, 1828, his parents being Joseph and Polly Ann (Bogard) Taylor. The father, who was a farmer, was born and reared in Pennsylvania, of Scotch-Irish descent, and the mother was a native of Ross county, Ohio. Her father was killed on the banks of the Wabash river, where he was residing at that time, during an Indian uprising. Having been notified of the approaching enemy the family started for the fort, located at some distance from there. In their haste they left some articles of value in the house for which Mr. Bogard returned. He was attacked by the Indians, killed and scalped. His body was found later carefully guarded by his faithful dog. His son, Cornelius Bogard, swore vengeance, and thereafter never hesitated to kill an Indian when an opportunity presented itself, during either peace or war. Joseph Taylor with his wife and family removed from Ohio to Indiana, where they resided for nineteen years, proceeding to Missouri. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor: William, who is deceased; Sarah, who has attained the venerable age of eighty-two years, living in Missouri; Annie, who is living in Kansas; and Lydia, Elizabeth and Amos, all of whom are deceased. The father died while the family were living in Missouri, but the mother was residing in Marion county, Iowa, at the time of her death, having removed to this state with her children during the Civil war.

The first fourteen years in the life of Amos Taylor were passed amid the scenes of his birth. In 1842 he removed with his parents to Indiana, sharing with them the hardships and privations incident to frontier life.

Later he went to Missouri, subsequently locating in Marion county, Iowa. In 1848 he became a resident of Jefferson county, settling in Des Moines township, where fifteen years later he purchased the farm on which his widow is now living. The land is located on section 21, and consists of eighty acres under cultivation and thirty acres of timber. When he first came to Jefferson county, it was but sparsely settled; such improvements as had been made were crude, while the majority of the roads through the rural districts were little more than wagon tracks. Mr. Taylor was the typical pioneersman, energetic, tireless, determined, and despite the many discouragements he encountered, his faith in the ultimate future of the country was never shaken. Versatile and resourceful he could turn his energies in any direction and became one of the factors in promoting the development of the township, whose interests he most efficiently served for many years in an official capacity.

On the 30th of September, 1857, Mr. Taylor completed his arrangements for a home by his marriage to Miss Mary E. Pearson, a daughter of Sampson and Nancy (McClure) Pearson. The father was a native of Miami county, Ohio, where for many years he worked as a farmer and blacksmith. He was of English descent, but the mother, whose birth occurred in Shelby county, Ohio, was of Irish and Scotch extraction. They came to Iowa in 1853, settling in Des Moines township, Jefferson county. After residing there for twenty-two years they went to Missouri, where they both died, the mother on the 12th of March, 1885, at the home of her daughter Edna, and the father in Nodaway county, at the home of his son Young, on the 5th of January, 1898. Their family numbered nine: Silas, who is living in Libertyville, Iowa; and Young, Henry, John and George, all of whom are deceased; Rachel, who is living in Missouri; and Edna and Annie, both of whom are also deceased. Mrs. Taylor is the eldest of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were the parents of eight children and there are now twenty-six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren descendants. Ida, the wife of John Wildman, a carpenter of Fairfield, Iowa, has three children: Otto Taylor; Grace, the wife of John Langer and the mother of three children, William, Kenneth and Marie; and Floyd. Millard, a farmer of Des Moines township, married Allie Fry and has four children, Hazel, Florence, Russell and Fern. Sarah, the wife of Ben Wildman of South Haven, Michigan, has five children: Roy; Cora, who married William Mapes and has two children, Ethel Louise and Dora May; Amos; Clarence; and Ethel. Laura, who is the fourth member of the family, is at home with her mother. Margaret Edna, the wife of Sherman Draper of Port Angeles, Washington, has five children: Winnie, who married Montie Hetrick and has one child, Thelma, Richard, Ruby, Ina and Dorothy. Mary E., the wife of John McDonald, a farmer of Lane

county, Oregon, has one child, Carrie. Victoria, the wife of James McElderry, a farmer of Davis county, Iowa, has three children, Ralph, Marvin and Taylor. Charles L., a farmer of Des Moines township, this county, married Delilah Manning and has five children: Cleo, Glenn, Irene, Marie and Bernice. Mrs. Taylor continues to live on her farm, which for several years after the death of Mr. Taylor was cultivated by her youngest son, Charles, but since he left home she has been renting the land. During the long period of her residence in the township she has been the interested observer of its wonderful development, and has lived to witness all the expectations of her husband, regarding its agricultural future, fully realized.

Mr. Taylor always took an active and helpful interest in all public matters, giving his political support to the men and measures of the republican party. He served for two terms as assessor of his township, while for six years he acted as township trustee and was treasurer for twelve years. He was well qualified for public office, and although very young while living in Missouri he held the office of justice of the peace. During the Civil war he was a member of the Home Protective League, and for many years he was a prominent member of the Iowa Grange. He had been a resident of Des Moines township for thirty years at the time of his death, on the 12th of July, 1893, during which period he became widely known, winning the esteem and friendship not only of those in his immediate community but throughout the county.

W. G. ROSS.

W. G. Ross, who is serving for the second term of four years as postmaster of Fairfield, having been appointed to the position in 1904, has made a most creditable record in the office, administering the affairs of his position in a prompt and businesslike manner, which has won him the good will and respect of his fellow townsmen. He was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, February 19, 1859, his parents being John and Rebecca Ross, the former born in Fayette county, February 10, 1825, and the latter in Washington county, Pennsylvania, September 14, 1827. They resided in the Keystone state until 1866 and then came to Jefferson county, Iowa, where they have since made their home, being now located in Fairfield. In the east the father followed merchandising, conducting a store at Masontown, Pennsylvania, for about fifteen years but after coming to the middle west he took up the occupation of farming and for many years owned and cultivated a tract of land in Center township, upon which he

lived until ten years ago, when he retired from active life and took up his abode in the county seat. He has likewise been greatly interested in every project and measure for the public good, became one of the incorporators of the County Fair Association and for twenty years served as its secretary. He is the only one of the original members still living. He has also been secretary of the school board of his township for twenty years or more, and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion who did much to raise the standard of the public school system in the country districts. His political belief has always been that of the republican party since its formation and his religious faith is manifest in his membership in the Presbyterian church. His has been an active and well spent life and his present rest from labor is the fitting crown of former toil. Unto him and his wife were born seven children: Margaret, who died in 1860, at the age of eleven years; J. M., who passed away in 1873; Laura V., at home; George Y., who is managing a rice plantation in Arkansas; Jessie, the wife of Thomas Davies, of Fairfield; W. G., of this review; and Alma, who died in 1896.

When a lad of seven summers W. G. Ross accompanied his parents on their removal from Fayette county, Pennsylvania, to Jefferson county, Iowa, and was here reared upon the old home farm, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. Ambitious to enjoy better educational advantages than the public schools offered he entered Parsons College and completed the course in 1880 with the first class that was graduated from that institution. He afterward took up the study of law in the office and under the direction of Senator Wilson, and was admitted to practice in 1883. He later became a partner of J. M. Galvin, under the firm style of Galvin & Ross and so continued in active practice until 1889 when Mr. Galvin went west. Mr. Ross continued the practice alone until 1904 when he was appointed postmaster and put aside professional duties. He made such an excellent record during his first term in the postoffice that he was reappointed in 1908 and is therefore serving for the seventh year in that position. He has also held other public offices, having been county attorney from 1891 until 1895 and city solicitor from 1895 until 1904.

Mr. Ross was married in 1893 to Miss Carrie Lampson and they have an attractive home in this city, which is justly celebrated for its warm hearted hospitality. Mr. Ross has ever been deeply interested in the welfare and upbuilding of Fairfield and has never withheld his cooperation when his aid was needed for the furtherance of public projects. For twenty-two years he has been secretary of the executive committee of Parsons College and for over twenty years he has been a member of the board of directors of the Fairfield free public library. His entire life has been

imbued with a spirit of progress, and energy and determination have enabled him to reach out continually toward the goal which has ever been before him. For forty-five years he has lived in the county and is widely known among the older citizens as well as the more recent arrivals. Years have proven his worth and won for him the warm friendship of the majority of those with whom he has come in contact.

GEORGE W. RIZOR.

George W. Rizer enjoys the distinction of having been born in the first house built by the early settlers in Jefferson county, Iowa. It may still be seen, a crude but picturesque log cabin, stationed for its historic interest in the Old Settlers' Park at Fairfield, Iowa. In this log cabin, originally put up in Round Prairie township, Jefferson county, George W. Rizer was born September 24, 1857. He was the son of John and Cynthia (Peck) Rizer, both natives of Ohio. His father came to Iowa in the early days of its settlement and began his agricultural career in Jefferson county on land bequeathed to him by his father. This he cleared and utilized for purposes of general farming until his death on March 29, 1909. In this same year his wife also died.

In the schools of Lockridge township George W. Rizer was given a general education. On finishing school he remained at home and became assistant to his father in the management of the farm and, after a time, was given full charge thereof, a responsibility which he discharged with much credit for ten years prior to his father's death. Of this land one hundred acres fell to his share of the bequest and these, together with eighty more which he purchased, he improved until he now owns one of the finest farms in his township. He raises sixty head of hogs annually, keeps thirty head of cattle and ten horses.

George W. Rizer married Miss Belle Murphy, March 27, 1882. Her father, Levi Murphy, was a native of Ohio; her mother, Sarah (Bowers) Murphy was a native of Pennsylvania. When Mr. Murphy was a boy his family removed to Iowa settling in Wapello county. On coming of age he followed farming, renting for this purpose a tract of land in Round Prairie township, Jefferson county, which he operated for a short time, accumulating sufficient capital to buy forty acres of land which he improved, enhancing its value to such a degree that he was able to sell out at a good profit. Thereupon he purchased a farm of two hundred acres of land, to the operation and improvement of which he gave the remainder of his years.

He passed away July 1, 1902, six years after the demise of his wife, which occurred in February, 1896.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rizor. They are: Bessie M., the wife of Charles E. Double, residing at Dudley, Iowa; Lilly E., twenty-six years of age, at home; Roy E., twenty-three years of age, living at Ft. Madison, Iowa; and four younger children all living at home. These are, Herbert L., aged twenty-one, Hazel L., aged fifteen, Carl E., aged ten and Bernard J., aged four years.

Mr. Rizor is an earnest prohibitionist and has served as school director of his district. He and his wife are members of the First Methodist church in which they have a large circle of friends. Mr. Rizor is a man to whom much credit is due for being a provident father, a good worker in his church and a loyal advocate of the principles of prohibition.

FRANK E. BRUEY.

Frank E. Bruey, one of the popular young farmers and stock-raisers of Cedar township, was born on the place where he now resides, on section 27, his natal day being August 21, 1885. His parents are Richard and Mary Catharine (Oriez) Bruey. The father, whose birth occurred in Belfort, France, on the 13th of March, 1843, devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. In 1856 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, coming direct to Jefferson county, Iowa, and locating on section 27, Cedar township. It was at Fairfield, Iowa, that he wedded Miss Mary C. Oriez, a lady of French descent, who was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on the 13th of September, 1853, and was a daughter of Francis Oriez, whose widow now resides in Washington, Iowa. Following his marriage Richard Bruey purchased the farm on which our subject now makes his home, continuing its operation until the 1st of October, 1906, when he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode on South Third street in Fairfield, where he has since lived. The period of his residence in Jefferson county now covers fifty-five years and he enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance within its borders. Frank E. Bruey has one sister, Annie M., who has charge of the cloak department in a large store at Des Moines.

Frank E. Bruey attended school in district No. 3, Center township, and remained under the parental roof until the time of his marriage. At the time of his father's retirement he assumed charge of the home farm of one hundred and twenty acres and has since been actively engaged in its operation. He feeds all of his grain to stock, of which he raises a good grade.

On the 19th of December, 1906, Mr. Bruey was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Irene Crowner, who was born on a farm north of Fairfield and began her education in a district school there and also attended school at Birmingham, Iowa, and near Stockport. Her parents, William and Cora (McMullen) Crowner, are both of Irish descent. The father is a native of Jefferson county, Iowa, while the mother's birth occurred in Pennsylvania. At the present time they are residing on a farm of eighty acres in section 17, Cedar township. Their children are five in number, as follows: Olive, the wife of Fred L. Keller, a farmer of Cedar township; Mrs. Bruey; May, the wife of G. H. Atherton, a business man of Fairfield; John, an agriculturist of Cedar township; and June, who resides with her parents.

Mr. Bruey is a republican in politics and is now serving his second term as township assessor in a township which is strongly democratic—a fact indicative of his popularity and the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow townsmen. He is the first republican assessor ever chosen in Cedar township and was elected by a flattering majority. His aid and cooperation can be counted upon to further every movement calculated to benefit the community and he and his estimable wife are held in high regard by their many friends.

J. A. HUGLIN.

Thorough preparation has well qualified J. A. Huglin for the onerous professional duties which have devolved upon him since he took up his residence in this city. Laudable ambition was numbered among his salient characteristics at the outset of his career and prompted him to gain an education that would qualify him for more than the simplest duties and labors of life. His own earnest toil provided the means for an education and his ability has been the source of his progress since he entered upon the practice of his profession.

Mr. Huglin is a native of Geneseo, Illinois, born September 14, 1872. His father, C. J. Huglin, was born at Rexby, England, June 25, 1825, and came to the United States when twenty-one years of age, settling first in Ohio, whence he afterward removed to Andover, Illinois, there enlisting in 1861 as a member of the Eleventh Ohio Battery, with which he served for three years and seven months. He was wounded five times and was in Andersonville prison for six weeks. He took part in the battle of Island No. 10, the sanguinary conflict at Gettysburg and the siege of Vicksburg, was with Sherman on the Atlanta campaign and the march to the sea and

afterward participated in the grand review, the most celebrated military pageant ever seen on the western hemisphere. He served as one of the cannoneers in his battery and was a most brave and intrepid soldier. When the war was over he returned to Illinois and in Andover, in 1867, was united in marriage to Miss Christian Swanson who was born in Galesburg, Illinois, October 3, 1836. In 1875 they removed to Nebraska but the scourge of grasshoppers which destroyed all the crops caused them to leave that state and in 1878 they took up their abode in Boone county, Iowa. Mr. Huglin devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits and was the owner of a good farm in Boone county, upon which his death occurred in 1904. In February of the same year his wife passed away. They were the parents of seven children: J. A., of this review; C. L., a farmer living in North Dakota; Elizabeth, who is a nurse in the Kansas City (Missouri) Hospital; O. E., who is engaged in the drug business in Odebolt, Iowa; G. G., a resident and implement dealer of Dayton, Iowa; Tillie, who is engaged in school teaching at Pollock, South Dakota; and Ida, who is principal of the public schools at Jefferson, Iowa.

J. A. Huglin was only three years of age when his parents left Illinois and was a youth of six years when the family came to Iowa. He remained under the parental roof until 1888 and in the meantime not only actively assisted his father in the work of the fields but also acquired a good education, supplementing his public school training by a year's study in Western Normal College, at Shenandoah, Iowa, and by further work in Augustana University, at Rock Island, Illinois, from which he was graduated with the class of 1895. Afterward he went to Chicago, where he attended the Chicago College of Law, pursuing the evening course for two years, while during the day he was employed in a business way in order to meet the expenses of living and tuition. He then went to Des Moines, where he spent one year as a student in the law department of Drake University and was graduated May 17, 1898. At the same time he was admitted to the practice of law by the supreme court of Iowa, and also admitted to practice in the federal courts. He entered upon the active work of his profession in Fairfield September 1st, 1908, and has since remained here, having an office over the Fairfield National Bank. He is accorded a good clientage and his ability is widely recognized by other members of the bar as well as by the general public. While working his way through school he earned his money mostly by traveling for a book publishing company and making extensive trips over the United States and Canada. While in the university he made a special study of modern languages. His mother was of Swedish parentage and he gave particular attention to the Swedish language, which he speaks as fluently as he does English. He also speaks

German, Danish and Norwegian and has studied extensively both Latin and Greek.

In his political views Mr. Huglin has always been a republican, active in the work of the party throughout the period of his residence in Fairfield. He served for four years, or two terms, in the office of county attorney, beginning January 1, 1907, and there was only one other republican elected on the county ticket when he was first chosen to that position. His election therefore was indicative of his personal popularity and the confidence and trust reposed in him.

On the 28th of June, 1905, Mr. Huglin was married to Miss Clara Lenora Porter, who was born in Boone county, Iowa, May 20, 1882, a daughter of E. A. Porter, and they now have two children: Harold Q., born September 22, 1906; and Harvey P., born May 9, 1910. The parents hold membership in the English Lutheran church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful part. For ten years Mr. Huglin has served as superintendent of the Sunday school and is a member of the church board. He has also been president of the Jefferson County Sunday School Association and president of the Tenth District Association of the Christian Endeavor for several years. He is deeply interested in all that pertains to moral progress and does everything in his power to promote christianizing influences which uplift man. He was also secretary of the first Jefferson County Commercial Association and is never unmindful of his duty in regard to local progress and improvement. He has an interesting military chapter in his life record, having in 1898 joined Company M of the Fifty-fourth Regiment of the Iowa National Guard, with which he served for six years. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a scholarly, cultured gentleman, whose innate talent and acquired ability have brought him prominence in professional circles, while his genuine personal worth has established him in a high and enviable position in the regard of his fellowmen.

WILLIAM H. NEIBERT, JR.

The recent death of William H. Neibert, Jr., cut short the splendid activities of a man who, in his occupation as blacksmith, belongs to that host of men who toil and moil in their round of daily labors, in order that the machinery of the world may be kept running smoothly and without interruption. He was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, April 22, 1860, his parents being William H. and Eliza (Mace) Neibert, natives of Maryland.

His father was engaged in agricultural pursuits during his entire life, farming for many years in Maryland and later in Pennsylvania where he died in 1899. The mother passed away in 1873.

Remaining in Maryland until he was seventeen years of age William H. Neibert, Jr., obtained his education in the common schools of his native locality. He then went to Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, and learned the blacksmith's trade working there five years when he was married and located in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in which place he conducted a blacksmith shop for a year. At the end of this time he determined to carry out his desire to go west and accordingly established his home in Monmouth, Illinois, but remained there only a brief period, resuming his onward march westward and settling in Kansas City, Missouri, where he plied his trade for a year. He proceeded from there to Fairfield, Iowa, in February, 1885, and bought out the blacksmith shop owned by William Swain, and in time built up a large and flourishing business, in which he continued to be active until his death on July 11, 1911. He was industrious in the pursuit of his occupation and personally superintended all the work done in his shop so that he was well known among the brothers of his craft and the patrons of his trade for his reliability and the high grade of his workmanship. No matter what business transactions he engaged in, he was always open and honorable and never failed to win the confidence of those who dealt with him.

The marriage of William H. Neibert, Jr., and Elizabeth E. Breckenmaker occurred on March 16, 1882. Mrs. Neibert is a daughter of Frederick and Leah (Ellinger) Breckenmaker, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Pennsylvania. Her father crossed the Atlantic in 1835 when he was nine years of age and on their arrival in this country the family located in Baltimore, Maryland, where he learned the tailor's trade when old enough to work. He removed to Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, after some years sojourn and there worked at his trade until removing to Hoguestown, Pennsylvania, where he opened a shop and soon became known as one of the first-class tailors in the town. Later he came west and opened a shop in Monmouth, Illinois, and after a time located in Emerson, Iowa, and worked at his trade. From here he came to Fairfield, Iowa, and made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Neibert, and at the same time conducted a tailor shop here until his wife passed away in 1902, at the age of seventy-three years. Left alone he returned to the old home in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, and there operated a tailor shop until 1909 when he retired after his long continued labors and for the past two years has made his home with a son at Hummelstown, Pennsylvania, living a placid life and at the age of eighty-five years, still enjoying the vigor of his faculties, and passing his days in desultory occupations or in peaceful medita-

tion, grateful for the loyal interest which his six children tenderly manifest towards him. There were seven children in the family, one being deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Neibert had five children born to them, namely: Thomas Glenn, aged twenty-eight, and William H., aged twenty-five, partners in business, operating their father's blacksmith shop; Byron A., aged twenty-two years, employed in the automobile business; Frederick H., aged nineteen years, attending school; and Nellie E., aged sixteen, attending business college.

Fraternally Mr. Neibert was connected with the Odd Fellows, and the Masonic order, with the Knight Templars and the Modern Woodmen of America. He was an enthusiastic democrat and was popular with the local members of the party being elected to the office of sheriff which he held for four years, and also to the city council of Fairfield. In religious belief Mrs. Neibert and several of the children hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, which he also attended. Ever conscientious in his work, Mr. Neibert met with well deserved success and enjoyed a lucrative patronage in his trade so that he was enabled to leave his family well provided for, living in a handsome home at No. 406, East Lowe street, the house being built on a three-acre lot, and with its smooth well-cared for lawn and neat walks forms one of the attractive places in the residence portion of Fairfield.

DAVID GILCHRIST.

David Gilchrist, in whom the various phases of life in Jefferson county find a worthy exemplar, is ranked among the prosperous and progressive citizens of this county, within whose borders he has resided for the past nine years. He is one of Pennsylvania's native sons, his birth occurring in Westmoreland county on the 16th of May, 1832, his parents being Joseph and Eliza (McCollister) Gilchrist. The father's birth occurred in 1796 on the site of the battle of Gettysburg, while the mother first opened her eyes to the light of day ten years later in North Carolina. After their marriage they continued to reside in the Keystone state until about three years prior to their deaths, when they came to Iowa. Here both passed away, the father in January, 1873. Both were laid to rest in the cemetery at Birmingham, Iowa. The father had been a farmer throughout most of his life and also devoted a few years to the occupation of a cooper. In his family were six sons and four daughters, of whom the two eldest sons were children of a former marriage, Joseph Gilchrist having previously wedded the sister of his second wife. Only four members of the family



DAVID GILCHRIST AND FAMILY

now survive, namely: Sarah Jane Bailey, a resident of Fairfield; Archibald, also of that city; John, making his home in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania; and David, who was the fourth in order of birth.

The subject of this review spent the period of his boyhood and youth in his native county until eighteen years of age, when he went with his parents to Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, where he was residing at the time of the Civil war. In connection with his brothers Archibald and John he enlisted for service in the Union army and was mustered in in August, 1862, from Armstrong county. His brothers became members of the Sixty-third Pennsylvania Regiment, John serving about a year and Archibald two years. David Gilchrist, however, became a soldier in the One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment, Company B, and with that command served throughout the remainder of hostilities. He took part in many important battles of the war, being present at the battle of the Wilderness or Mine Run, under General Mead, and participating in the engagements of Gettysburg under Mead, Rappahannock Station under General Grant, Antietam Fredericksburg and Spottsylvania Courthouse. In the last named encounter he received a flesh wound in the right foot and also had the shin bone in his left leg shattered, and thereafter was confined in the hospital until discharged at the close of the war. He returned home and for a year moved about only with the assistance of a crutch.

Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, remained the place of residence of David Gilchrist until 1868, when he came to Iowa and located in Van Buren county, where he remained for twenty-one years, after which he spent three years in Missouri. Nine years ago he came to Jefferson county, locating in 1911 upon his present farm on section 29, Liberty township, consisting of two hundred and twelve and a half acres, all highly cultivated and well improved. His time and attention have mostly been given to agricultural pursuits although he engages to some extent in the occupation of carpentering, and in both branches of activity is meeting with substantial success for he has ever realized that the secret of prosperity lies in hard, unadulterated labor with a liberal infusion of common sense, and has thus worked his way up until today he ranks among the well known and representative business men of Liberty township.

Mr. Gilchrist was married, on the 19th of January, 1860, in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, to Martha Jane Jack, who was born in that county on the 2d of October, 1839, a daughter of James A. and Eliza (Allman) Jack, both natives of the Keystone state where their entire lives were spent. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gilchrist were born fourteen children: James Bailey, residing in the state of Washington, not far from the city of Moscow, Idaho; J. M., of Jefferson county; D. C., living in Davis county;

Jennie Beard, who passed away at the age of thirty years; H. O., who makes his home in Florida; W. W., living with his father; Sarah V., who married I. C. Evans, of Troy, Iowa; L. M., also at home; Anna Maude, the wife of W. B. Shreve, of Bloomfield, Iowa; Florence, at home; J. J., of Washington; C. P., also of Washington; E. M., a resident of Jefferson county, Iowa; and Harry, of Florida. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they are deeply interested, and fraternally Mr. Gilchrist belongs to the Masonic order at Birmingham and the Grand Army of the Republic. In politics he is a republican and although he gives stanch support to the men and measures of that party his activity is merely that of a private citizen who recognizes and appreciates the privileges and obligations of citizenship but to whom the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction. Although his residence in this section of the county is of comparatively short duration, he has nevertheless during that period so comportated himself in the various relations of life as to win the confidence, regard and good will of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

AXEL U. JOHNSON.

The Scandinavians have always been among the foremost of the nationalities best suited for purposes of colonization since, through their industry and thrift and their adaptability in coping with the many hardships that must be encountered in a newly-settled country, they have proved that their virtues are of the stuff that endures. Axel U. Johnson belongs to the Swedish colony of settlers in Lockridge township, Jefferson county, Iowa, who have contributed no small share to the general upbuilding and growth of the agricultural interests of the state. His father, John Johnson, never came to America but remained in Sweden, his native country, where he was engaged in farming until his death June 3, 1907. His mother Emma (Bergman) Johnson, now in her seventy-seventh year, still lives on the old homestead in Sweden.

Axel U. Johnson was educated in Sweden and remained with his parents until he was twenty-five years of age. Then, bidding farewell to his family and kindred, he set sail for the new world. From New York he made his way westward to Princeton, Illinois. In that town he found various employments at which he worked for a year and a half. He then worked at hire as a farm hand, after which he rented a farm and operated it for a period of fourteen years. At the end of this time he gave up his residence in Illinois and came to Jefferson county, Iowa, where he

bought two hundred and thirty-five acres in Lockridge township. This land he has been operating ever since making extensive improvements on it. It is a valuable farm and a worthy monument to the indefatigable labor which Mr. Johnson has expended upon it. He raises about one hundred to one hundred and fifty hogs a year, feeds seventy-five head of cattle and keeps ten horses.

The marriage of Mr. Johnson and Augusta W. Larson occurred in November, 1882. She was the daughter of Swan and Stina (Caxo) Larson, natives of Sweden. She came to this country alone leaving her parents in the land of their birth where her father was a farmer until his death about 1896. Her mother died in 1901.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of nine children. The order of their birth and their ages are as follows: Arthur, twenty-eight; Emma D., twenty-six; Elmer S., twenty-four; Mabel, twenty-three; Walter, twenty-one; Seth, nineteen; Ruth, seventeen; Myrtle, fourteen; and Irene, eight years.

Politically Mr. Johnson is a republican and in his religious faith he and his wife subscribe to the tenets of the Lutheran church which they attend. Fraternal associations he maintains with the brotherhood of the Modern Woodmen of America. Unwearied in his toil, patient, giving to every effort the best of the powers with which nature has endowed him, Mr. Johnson has moved towards his goal with the steady eye of the man who knows he has conquered.

M. S. RANDALL.

M. S. Randall has the distinction of being what the public calls a self-made man, for at the age of twelve years he was left an orphan and from that time forward has had to make his own way in the world. He had lost his mother when but two years of age and thus was deprived not only of many advantages but also of much of the home care which most children enjoy. The simple weight of his character and ability, however, have brought him into important relations with the public interests of Jefferson county, where he is now filling the position of county recorder. His birth occurred in Vermillion county, Indiana, in 1860, his parents being Jonathan and Evelyn (Smith) Randall, both of whom were natives of Indiana, where they spent their entire lives. The Smith family were very early settlers there and the parents of Mrs. Randall died on the farm which they had entered as a claim from the government. Like the Randall family they removed from Virginia to the Hoosier state and all followed the

occupation of farming. Jonathan Randall had four children by a former marriage and two by his second union.

M. S. Randall spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Indiana and after being thrown upon his own resources, worked for his board and clothing, with the opportunity of attending school. He had no advantages beyond those offered by the common schools and had to work hard to get that. He continued a resident of his native state until 1887, when he removed to Keokuk, Iowa, where he spent eighteen months. On the expiration of that period he came to Fairfield and for twenty years engaged in farming east of the county seat, devoting his time and labors to the work of the fields until 1909, when he removed to the city. His energy and diligence were the factors that ever kept his farm in good condition. The soil was naturally rich and the labor which he bestowed upon the fields brought forth good harvests. Moreover, his ambition prompted him to keep everything about the farm in good condition and the buildings in good repair. Thus year by year his efforts brought him substantial returns and with a comfortable competence he retired from farm life. In November, 1910, he was elected to the office of county recorder on the republican ticket and is now the incumbent in that position, the duties of which he has discharged with the same promptness and fidelity that have characterized him in every relation of life.

Mr. Randall really had a home of his own for the first time since his early boyhood, when in 1881 he was united in marriage to Miss Tabitha Morgan, a native of Keokuk county, Iowa, and a daughter of William Morgan. As the years have passed four children have been added to the household, Loren C., Elsie G., Neil M. and Harold M. Mr. Randall holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the motive power of his life and principles is found in his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. Those who know him recognize in him an upright man and public-spirited citizen whose influence is always found on the side of right, truth and progress.

HARLEY D. KREIGH.

Harley D. Kreigh, assistant cashier of the Batavia Savings Bank and one of the highly esteemed citizens of the town, was born in Knoxville, Illinois, on the 24th of May, 1881, and is a son of John S. and Eva (Allen) Kreigh. His father, a well known farmer of Jefferson county, was born in the vicinity of Hagerstown, Maryland, while the grandfather, John Kreigh, was a native of Pennsylvania of German extraction. The mother,

who was of Scotch descent, was born and reared near Galesburg, Knox county, Illinois. In 1887, together with his wife and family, John S. Kreigh came to Jefferson county, locating on a farm in Locust Grove township, north of Batavia. After five years residence there he removed to a farm five miles northeast of Batavia, in Wapello county, where he continues to live. The mother, however, passed away in 1895. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Kreigh numbers seven children: Frank, who is deputy sheriff of Wapello county, now living near Ottumwa; Harley D., our subject; Fred, who is operating his father's farm in Wapello county; and Mary and Alice, both of whom are still at home; James, an employe of the J. H. Marrell Company, of Ottumwa, Iowa; and John, who is attending Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois.

The first eighteen years of his life Harley D. Kreigh spent on his father's farm, his early education being acquired in the district schools of the neighborhood. After completing the course therein he attended the Knoxville high school for three years, then entered Brown's Business College at Galesburg, Illinois, from which institution he was graduated in 1898. He began his business career in the St. Louis store at Ottumwa, Iowa, being identified with that enterprise for eighteen months. In the fall of 1901 he came to Batavia to become assistant cashier of the Savings Bank. During the ten years in which he has been identified with this position he has proven himself to be a business man of more than average capability and efficiency, whose trustworthiness and reliability has won him hosts of friends. The Batavia Savings Bank, which is now entering upon the twentieth year of its existence, was organized in 1892 with a capital stock of ten thousand dollars. It is recognized as one of the conservative and substantial financial institutions of the county, whose directors and officials are highly regarded among the business men of the state. The directors are: J. B. Mowry, George P. Israel, W. A. Lewis, Peter Nelson and E. M. Sterner, while J. B. Mowry, of Ottumwa, is president, George P. Israel, vice president and W. A. Lewis, cashier.

On the 30th of November, 1905, Mr. Kreigh was united in marriage to Miss Alta Israel, a daughter of Robert and Louisa (Gonterman) Israel, both of whom are still living. Mr. Israel was formerly an agriculturist of Chaffee county, Colorado, but at the present time is engaged in mercantile business in Ottumwa, Iowa. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kreigh, Evelyn Lucille, whose birth occurred on the 21st of June, 1907.

Mr. Kreigh is identified with various fraternal orders being a member of the Modern Woodmen and Masonic lodges of Batavia, as well as the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, belonging to Lodge No. 347, Ottumwa, Iowa. His political support he accords to the democratic party and has always taken an active and helpful interest in all municipal affairs. In

1902 he was elected to the office of town clerk, which he held for one year, while he served as mayor of the town from 1904 to 1906. He is one of the popular young business men of the town whose future career gives every assurance of being most promising.

CAPTAIN JOHN A. SPIELMAN.

One of the best known men of Fairfield is Captain John A. Spielman. He is perhaps most widely known among those who wear the blue uniform with the brass buttons—the soldiers of the Civil war who today form the Grand Army of the Republic—for he has been most active in the work of the order and has personal acquaintance not only with its leading members in Iowa but also many of its most prominent representatives throughout the nation. He is also widely known in the English Lutheran church, where his labors have been an effective force for good in Fairfield, and has figured as a leading merchant for many years although he is now enjoying well earned rest. A native of Ohio, Captain Spielman was born in Columbus, July 10, 1834, a son of John and Saloma (Berg) Spielman, the former a native of Schertzheim, Germany, born in 1808, and the latter of Lichtenau, Germany, born in 1809. They spent their youthful days in the fatherland and came to the United States with their respective parents, both families establishing their homes in Baltimore, Maryland. The young couple, however, were married in Fredericktown and in the year 1830 became residents of Columbus, Ohio, where they resided until 1840, which year witnessed their arrival in Jefferson county, Iowa. They journeyed with three other families to Iowa City, then the capital of Iowa territory, but, not liking that district, John Spielman brought his family to Jefferson county. This region was then largely wild and unimproved and he entered land from the government in Walnut township. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon the place, but he was industrious and diligent and at once began to break the sod and cultivate the fields, which in due time brought forth abundant harvests. He continued to reside upon that farm for many years, converting it into a valuable property, and it is still in the possession of one of his daughters, Mrs. Caroline Craf. After devoting many years to general agricultural pursuits the father put aside the work of the fields and retired to Fairfield, where he passed away in 1889. He was associated with business interests here for ten years as a partner in a hardware store conducted under the firm name of J. A. Spielman & Company. A citizen of worth, he did much to promote upbuilding and progress in Jefferson county and assisted many emi-

grants and friends who came from Ohio to locate claims in Iowa. He was ever a man of kindly spirit, possessing many admirable traits of character. He had no enemies and in large measure enjoyed the friendship and love of all with whom he came in contact. His wife died at the advanced age of eighty-eight years and in their passing Jefferson county lost two of its most worthy and esteemed pioneer residents. In their family were six daughters and three sons but several of the children died in early life. Those still living are: Captain Spielman; Mrs. Craf; and Mrs. Repass, who is now a resident of Winona, Minnesota. Another sister, Mrs. Emma Heaton, died in Burlington, Iowa, in February, 1911. One son, Fred Spielman, enlisted for service in Company D, of the Seventeenth Iowa Infantry, and died at Corinth, Mississippi, on the 3d of September, 1862. Another brother, Lewis Spielman, died on a farm in Walnut township fifteen years ago, leaving a family.

Captain Spielman came to Iowa with his parents in 1840, when but six years of age, and was here reared amid the conditions and environments of pioneer life, sharing with the family in the hardships and trials incident to establishing a home upon the frontier. As his age and strength permitted he aided more and more largely in the arduous task of developing a new farm until 1851, when, at the age of seventeen years, he returned to Columbus, Ohio, to attend school at Capital University, thus supplementing the knowledge that he had gained as a student in the public schools of this district. In early manhood he also learned the tinner's trade, which he followed for a year in Burlington. He then went to Mount Pleasant, where he secured a clerkship in a dry-goods store, there remaining until he located in Germanville, Jefferson county, where he began business on his own account, establishing a store which he conducted until after the outbreak of the Civil war. Prior to his enlistment in the volunteer service he had joined the Home Guard and was captain of one of its companies. He went to the front in the Civil war with twenty of the boys who had served under him in the state militia, Captain Spielman enlisting as a private of Company K, Seventeenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in March, 1862. In May of that year he was made orderly sergeant. When doing picket duty the captain of the company was arrested for gambling, was court-martialed and dismissed from the service and the officer of the day turned over the command of the company to Mr. Spielman, who on the 29th of September, 1862, was elected to the position of captain and thus commanded the company until after the surrender of Vicksburg. He received a commission as second lieutenant but served as captain, for the man who had been discharged kept him out of a captain's commission although his service was virtually that of commander of the company. General McPherson told Mr. Spielman to go home in September, 1863, and there wait for

his commission as captain, but as the general was killed almost immediately afterward he did not have opportunity to exercise his influence and secure the commission for Mr. Spielman. Following his return from the army Mr. Spielman, in October, 1863, entered business circles in Fairfield as a dealer in hardware and stoves and continued in the business with success for thirty-two years, after which he sold out. He closely applied himself to his work and his intense and well directed energy and activity brought him a substantial measure of success. Following his retirement from the hardware trade he became connected with the First National Bank as vice president and for a period was active in the management of the bank but, though he still retains the vice presidency, ill health has prevented him from taking part in its management in recent years. Before the condition of his health was such as to practically force his retirement from business he was prominently associated with many interests, including the gas company, of which he was treasurer. His hardware store was the largest in the city and the business was built up from a small beginning owing to the honorable methods and the earnest effort of the owner to please his patrons. His property interests include the Spielman Block, on the west side of the square, where in 1869 he erected a building which he rebuilt in 1885.

In the field of politics Captain Spielman had also exerted a beneficial and widely felt influence. He has been an earnest republican since the formation of the party and in association with United States Senator James F. Wilson and Waltus Collins organized the republican party in this county for the Fremont campaign. He has served as a member of the city council for a number of years, has filled township offices and has also occupied the position of county clerk. No trust reposed in him, political or otherwise, has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree and his labors in office have at all times been of a practical as well as progressive character.

On the 24th of April, 1860, Captain Spielman was united in marriage to Miss Christina Hershberger, who was born in Lancaster, Ohio, June 2, 1840, and in 1850 was brought to Jefferson county by her parents, Godfrey and Caroline Hershberger, who were natives of Germany and are now deceased, the father passing away in this county while the mother's death occurred in Kansas. Unto Captain and Mrs. Spielman have been born six children. Henry A., who was born March 4, 1861, is now a merchant of Topeka, Kansas. John G., born January 2, 1863, is a draughtsman, having charge of the draughting department of the north plant of the Illinois Steel Company at Chicago. Carrie now resides with her father, having two years ago lost her husband, who was the Rev. C. S. McElhinny, a Presbyterian minister. Fred A. is a traveling salesman, residing in Fairfield. May is the wife of F. W. Harrison, a commercial traveler living in Los Angeles,

California. Bella is the wife of Dillon Turney, mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Captain Spielman provided his children with excellent educational advantages, Carrie and John having been graduated from the State University at Iowa City, while May is a graduate of Midland College at Atchison, Kansas; Fred and Bella of the high school at Fairfield and Henry of Carthage College, Carthage, Illinois.

Business activity by no means comprises the extent of Captain Spielman's helpful service in Jefferson county. His influence has always been found on the side of right, progress, reform and improvement. He has long held membership in the English Lutheran church and for fifteen years was treasurer of the Lutheran synod of Iowa and on six or eight different occasions was a delegate to the general synod of the United States. He likewise served as a member of the board of church extension of the general synod of the Lutheran church and was a member of the board of directors of Carthage College, conducted under Lutheran auspices, serving as president of that board when ill health forced him to resign in 1888. For a number of years he filled the office of Sunday school superintendent of the Lutheran church in this city and during that period assisted in organizing the Jefferson County Sabbath School Association, becoming one of its charter members. He was also identified with the State Sunday School Association and his efforts have always been untiring in support of any project which he has believed would prove of practical value in extending and promoting the church work in any of its different branches.

Captain Spielman is also widely known in the Iowa department of the Grand Army of the Republic and is very popular with his old army comrades. He assisted in organizing George Strong Post, No. 19, G. A. R., at Fairfield, becoming one of its charter members and serving in its various offices, including that of commander.

A number of times he was sent as its delegate to the national encampment and has always attended the state encampments. He was chief of staff of the Iowa department when the national encampment met at Washington, D. C., on which occasion Iowa won the banner for having the best department in the parade that numbered one hundred thousand men. That year the Iowa badge was established as the result of the exhibit of the Iowa soldiers carrying an ear of corn for a canteen and a stalk of corn for a cane, the ear of corn becoming the Iowa badge. On the second day of the encampment the "boys" marched up to the home of Captain Spielman and he took the seat formerly occupied by Senator Wilson, his comrades unanimously choosing him speaker of the house. He was called upon and made an interesting speech and the camp fire extended for two and one-half hours. On that occasion ex-Speaker Henderson dubbed Captain Spielman the first speaker of the house of representatives from Iowa. He

was promoted to the rank of Colonel of the Grand Army by Commander in Chief Adams at Pittsburg and he has received many badges of honor in connection with his service in the Grand Army of the Republic, ex-President Harrison presenting him with a badge at Indianapolis when he was at the head of the Iowa delegation at the national encampment there. He spent six months in gathering data and compiling the soldiers' and sailors' record of Jefferson county and there are few if any as familiar with the history of the Iowa department of the Grand Army of the Republic as is Captain Spielman. Throughout his entire life patriotism and progress might well be termed the keynote of his character. He is today as true and loyal to his country as when he followed the stars and stripes upon the battlefields of the south and he recalls many interesting incidents of the days when the boys sat around the camp fire at night, never knowing what hour the bugle might sound that would call them to arms to face danger and perhaps death. His loyalty, too, has been manifest in every other relation and thus he has been found a devoted husband and father, an enterprising and reliable business man and a faithful follower of the church.

ISAAC W. NEWLAND.

Among the highly successful agriculturists of Jefferson county who are now living retired must be numbered Isaac W. Newland, who is a descendant of one of the pioneer settlers. He was born on his father's homestead in Des Moines township, this county, on the 21st of January, 1853, and is a son of Jacob and Angeline (Combs) Newland. His father was a native of Adams county, Ohio, and of American extraction, the great-grandfather, John Newland, having been born in New York, the mother, however, although a native of Pennsylvania, was of Irish descent. Jacob Newland in his early manhood moved from his native state to Iowa, locating here during the early pioneer period. He settled in Des Moines township, where for a time he made his home with Tobias Moore, until in a position to begin farming for himself. Later he purchased a forty acre tract of prairie land in this township, and after placing upon it some crude buildings that sufficed for his immediate needs began its cultivation. Not being fully satisfied with conditions as he found them, he subsequently went to Missouri, but after a year's residence in the latter state decided he could not improve upon his Jefferson county holding, so returned. He diligently applied himself to the cultivation and improvement of his farm with the unremitting energy that ever characterizes the

ambitious young man, whose principal asset in life is his determination. Farming in those days was little more than drudgery, this being prior to the advent of the modern agricultural implements, by means of which it is possible to perform in a few hours tasks that formerly required many days of laborious toil. Despite the discouragements and misfortunes that ever assail the pioneer in any country, Mr. Newland by reason of his persistence gradually achieved success. As he was able from time to time he extended the boundary of his farm until he had acquired the title to two hundred and forty acres of fertile land, all of which he had under cultivation, and thirty acres of timber. He always made his home on this farm, that stood as a monument to his many years of toil and endeavor, and there he passed away in 1884, the mother surviving until the 3d of October, 1889, when she was laid to rest beside her husband. By the union of Mr. and Mrs. Newland there were born eight children, of whom our subject is the eldest; in order of birth the others are as follows: Henry, who is a farmer of Wapello county, Iowa; Frances, the deceased wife of Ezra Winsell, a farmer of Goodland, Kansas; Dorcas, the wife of George McBride, a farmer of Van Buren county, Iowa; Miriam, who married Charles McBride, a farmer of Des Moines township; Nancy, who makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Charles McBride; Noah, who died when a child; and George, a retired farmer of Libertyville, Iowa.

Practically the entire life of Isaac W. Newland has been spent in Des Moines township, whose scenes are endeared to him by the associations of his boyhood and youth as well as those of his later manhood. Reared on his father's farm he first attended district No. 2 school in the acquirement of his education, but later went to the Beach school, both in Des Moines township. In common with other lads of that period he was early assigned duties about the home, while as he grew older his summer vacations were largely devoted to assisting his father in the work of the fields. After attaining his majority he began farming for himself, but remained a member of the parental household until he was twenty-four years of age. After his marriage he bought forty acres of land, that he subsequently sold, continuing to buy and sell, always benefiting thereby, until he is now the owner of two hundred and forty acres of excellent land, all under cultivation, located on sections 9, 10 and 15, and forty acres of timber on section 19. He has retired from the active work of the fields and is renting his farm, but he and his wife are still living in their old homestead.

On the 23d of September, 1877, Mr. Newland completed his arrangements for a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Frances Keim, a daughter of Louis and Jane (Peebler) Keim, the father a native of Pennsylvania of German extraction, while the mother was born in Missouri

of American descent. Mr. Keim, who was a carpenter by trade, devoted the greater part of his active life to agricultural pursuits. Upon their arrival in Iowa he and his wife first located in Jefferson county, where they resided for many years, then went to Union county, this state. Disposing of their interests there a few years ago they removed to Missouri, and have ever since made that their home. To Mr. and Mrs. Keim were born three sons, all of whom are successful agriculturists, and four daughters: Charles, who is a resident of Decatur county, Iowa; Frank, who is living in Shannon City, this state; Ellis, who is a resident of Wray county, Missouri; Mrs. Newland; Emma, the wife of Lyman Folzer, a farmer in the vicinity of Osceola, Iowa; Kitty, the wife of John Bowman, a farmer of Missouri; and Jennie, who married Ed Woods, a farmer living near Powersville, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Newland have one son, Elmer R., who graduated from the Medical College at Keokuk, Iowa, and is now engaged in the practice of his profession at Drakesville, this state. He married Miss Grace Knight, a daughter of Zack Knight, a farmer of Wapello county, Iowa.

Mr. Newland is not a member of any religious denomination, but his wife belongs to the Dunkard church of Des Moines township. In his political views he is a democrat, but is not strictly partisan, having of recent years more and more frequently cast his ballot in support of the man he deemed best qualified to serve the people and their highest interests. Mr. Newland is widely acquainted not only in Des Moines township but throughout Jefferson county, where he has many friends who have known him from childhood, their loyalty paying tribute to the character of this man, who is held in the highest esteem by all who ever came in contact with him.

GEORGE W. WATKINS.

George W. Watkins, a well known and enterprising farmer and stockman of Round Prairie township, is the owner of a tract of land comprising one hundred and twenty-five acres. His birth occurred in that township, on the 28th of February, 1862, his parents being Stephen and Mary (Watkins) Watkins, who are mentioned at greater length on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Thomas J. Watkins, a brother of our subject. George W. Watkins was reared and educated in his native township and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. Subsequently he spent ten years as a farm hand and then started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating a

rented tract of land until 1895. In that year he bought a farm of fifty-five acres but operated the same for only a brief period, disposing of the property and purchasing one hundred and twenty-five acres of the old home place. He cleared eighty acres of the tract and has been busily engaged in its further cultivation and improvement to the present time. He also erected buildings for the shelter of grain and stock and now has a model farming property. In connection with the production of cereals he raises about thirty head of hogs annually and keeps twenty head of cattle and ten head of horses.

On the 24th of March, 1898, Mr. Watkins was united in marriage to Miss Teresa Bartin, a daughter of Eli and Naomi (White) Bartin, who were natives of Ohio and Missouri respectively. The father came to Henry county, Iowa, in an early day, purchased and improved a farm and devoted his attention to its operation until called to his final rest in 1881. His widow, who is now sixty-four years of age, still resides on the old homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins are the parents of seven children, as follows: Velma V., a maiden of thirteen; Clifford C., who is eleven years old; Floyd J., a lad of ten; Willis, George R. and Agnes P., who are eight, five and two years of age respectively; and Fenton C., one year old.

Mr. Watkins gives his political allegiance to the democracy and has served as assessor of Round Prairie township. He is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity and a devoted member of the Methodist church, to which his wife also belongs. In the county where his entire life has been spent he enjoys an enviable reputation as a substantial agriculturist and representative citizen.

J. C. THORNE.

In business circles in Fairfield, J. C. Thorne occupies a prominent and creditable position as a member of the dry-goods firm of J. C. Thorne & Son. This by no means, however, indicates the extent of his activities, for he is a man of resourceful ability whose efforts have reached out to various fields, his labors at all times proving a valuable factor in the successful conduct of any enterprise with which he became connected. His life record began in Butler county, Pennsylvania, in August, 1850. His parents were Robert and Elizabeth (Calhoun) Thorne, also natives of the Keystone state, the former born in Butler county and the latter in Westmoreland county. The father was well known as an educator of Pennsylvania, was a college graduate and remained throughout his life a man of studious habits and scholarly attainments. At the time of his

death, which occurred in 1856, he was serving as principal of the schools at Kittanning, Pennsylvania. His widow still survives and yet makes her home in her native state.

J. C. Thorne was the younger of two children, his sister being Anna Mary, the wife of L. H. Walters, of Carnegie, Pennsylvania. He resided at the place of his birth until 1858 and then came to Iowa, making his home with his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Calhoun, who lived upon a farm near Winchester. He continued there upon the old homestead until after the war and was afforded good educational privileges, supplementing his common-school course by study in the Birmingham Academy. He afterward took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for four terms, but thinking to find other pursuits more congenial and profitable, he accepted a position as clerk in a general store in Tennessee. Since 1875 he has been a resident of Fairfield, in which year he began clerking for J. E. Roth, with whom he remained for five years. During that period he carefully saved his earnings until his capital was sufficient to enable him to embark in business on his own account. In 1880 he opened the dry-goods store of which he has since been proprietor, continuing at the same location on the north side of the square at the corner of Court street, throughout the entire period of more than thirty-one years. He now owns what is known as the Front building and occupies parts of three different buildings. His store has a depth of one hundred and twelve feet, with a frontage of twenty-two feet on the square, while the depth in the rear is forty-four feet. There is also an annex twenty by thirty feet which constitutes his cloak and suit department. Something of the growth of his business is indicated in the fact that when he entered mercantile circles here his store was but twenty by fifty feet in dimensions. Year by year his business has increased and he has long maintained a position among the most enterprising and progressive merchants of the city, keeping his store at all times supplied with an attractive, modern stock, showing all that is latest in style and manufacture. His value as a factor in business life is indicated by the fact that his cooperation has been sought in various other connections. Fourteen years ago he became one of the organizers of the Jefferson County Telephone Company, was chosen one of its first directors and is now its president. He is also a director of the First National Bank and has recently been elected president of the Iowa Independent Telephone Company, of which he has served on the executive committee for a number of years. He is also interested in several enterprises of a semi-public nature, being a trustee of Parsons College and president of the Cemetery Association. He was likewise treasurer of the public library for many years and is a trustee of the Presbyterian church, of which he served as secretary for twenty years.

For a period of six years he served on the school board and the cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart champion. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and at all times in matters of citizenship and in other relations he has manifested a public-spirited devotion to the general good.

In 1878 Mr. Thorne was married to Miss Rose Pitkin, who was born in Birmingham, Iowa, in 1851, a daughter of Erastus Pitkin, a merchant and banker, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Thorne have one son, Harry P., who is now his father's partner in business, the present firm of J. C. Thorne & Son having been organized in 1910. The junior partner was born in Fairfield in 1880, is a graduate of the public schools and also of Parsons College of the class of 1901. He married Grace Atkinson, and the young couple are prominent socially in the city. He served as clerk in his father's store until taken into partnership and is now active manager of the business. The firm constitutes a strong combination, for to the long experience and sound judgment of the senior partner is added the enterprise and progressiveness of the young man, so that the labors of one ably supplement the labors of the other. They well merit the high position which they occupy in commercial circles and in public regard, for the name of Thorne has been long and honorably associated with mercantile interests in Fairfield.

JAMES W. BROWN.

James W. Brown, a man of remarkable single mindedness in his unceasing devotion to the unremitting toil which falls to the lot of every farmer, owns and operates his old home farm which he has never left from the time of his birth, March 15, 1870, until the present. The farm is situated in Lockridge township, Jefferson county, Iowa, to which place his father came, on leaving Scotland, drawn thither by the coal fields of this region. His father, Mathew Brown, was a miner by occupation and settled at Coalport in Lockridge township, where, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Mr. Bankhead, he engaged in the business of coal mining. He followed this pursuit for thirty-five years, during which time he purchased, in company with his brother, four hundred and five acres of land, which he farmed in addition to taking care of his mining interests. After a long period, however, he discontinued mining and devoted himself wholly to farming. His death occurred in December, 1905, while his widow, now seventy-seven years of age, is still in good health despite her advanced years.

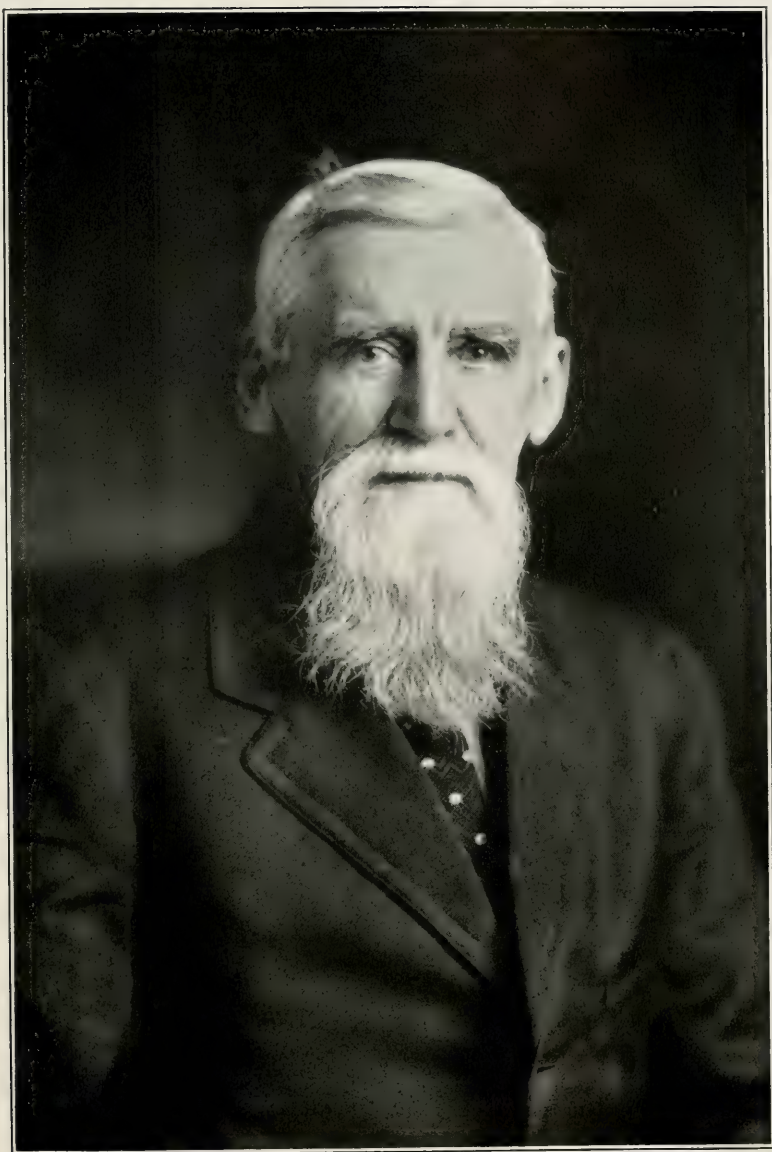
James W. Brown was reared at home and educated in the district schools. When a boy he made himself useful in many ways about the farm and later shared with his father the heavy responsibilities of cultivating so large a tract of land. After his father's death he bought out the other heirs who had inherited shares in the farm and now operates this land, of which ninety acres of rich soil is under cultivation, yielding abundant harvests.

On May 24, 1893, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Carrie Rizor. She was a daughter of Eli and Frances (Hickenbottom) Rizor, the former of whom was a native of Ohio, while the mother was born in Jefferson county, Iowa. Her father came to Jefferson county with his parents in the early days when Iowa was being rapidly populated by a steady flow of emigrants pouring in from states farther east. When he was old enough he engaged in farming for himself and operated his original land holdings until his death in 1888. His widow who still survives him lives at Fairfield, Iowa, and is fifty-four years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of four children: Marion B., seventeen years old; Sybil F., fifteen years old; Lazell M., eleven years of age; and Blanche A., aged eight. Mr. Brown is a member of the Baptist church in which he is an interested worker. In his political sentiments he has usually given his support to the republicans. Although never eager to hold office he was elected to one term as a director of the local school district and he has also served as constable. As a man of earnest purposes and high moral ideals Mr. Brown has won the respect of all who know him.

JOHN HERON.

John Heron, who has been a resident of Jefferson county for fifty-five years, is numbered among the prosperous agriculturists of Lockridge township, where he owns a valuable farm of two hundred and fifty-seven acres. He was born in Clinton county, Pennsylvania, on October 24, 1840, and is a son of David and Jeannette (McGee) Heron, natives of Scotland. The father, who engaged in mining in his native country, emigrated to America in 1828, first locating in Nova Scotia. After residing there about a year he removed to Pennsylvania, working in several mining districts and finally locating at a place called Queen's Run. There he became associated with two other men in mining operations, the general mercantile business and the manufacture of brick. This connection continued for nine years at the end of which time they disposed of their interests and each



JOHN HERON

bought a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Heron invested in two hundred acres of land that he cleared and improved devoting his energies to its cultivation for nine years. Disposing of his property in 1857 he again started westward, Iowa being his destination this time. Upon his arrival here he located in Jefferson county, buying two hundred acres of land in Lockridge township, but six acres of which was cleared, much time and labor being required to place the tract under cultivation. He later erected a grist mill upon the creek running through his land, its operation as well as that of his farm engaging his attention until his death, which occurred September 9, 1872, at the age of sixty-eight years. The mother survived fifteen years thereafter, her demise occurring on the 25th of June, after she had passed the eighty-first anniversary of her birth. Seven children were born of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Heron, four of whom are living: Elizabeth, who is seventy-six years of age, residing upon the old homestead with her brother and sister; Mary J., aged seventy-three, the widow of J. N. Bovee, of Seattle, Washington; Theresa I., who is fifty-eight years old, also living on the old homestead; and John, our subject.

John Heron was reared to the age of sixteen years in his native state, to whose public schools he is indebted for the greater part of his education, having attended school but one term after coming to Iowa. Being a son of pioneer settlers upon him early devolved the hardships and privations incident to life in any new country. He remained at home with his parents until the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted and went to the front as a member of Company E, Second Iowa Infantry. He remained in the service for three years, receiving a wound at Atlanta that incapacitated him for a time. Upon receiving his discharge he returned to his father's farm and again resumed the duties of civil life. The property came into his possession upon the death of his father, and there he has ever since resided with his two unmarried sisters, engaging in general farming and stock-raising. He has intelligently and diligently applied himself to both branches of the business and as a result has met with a gratifying degree of success. In addition to his extensive realty holdings, Mr. Heron is president of the Lockridge Savings Bank, of which institution he was one of the organizers. He has long been considered not only an able agriculturist and stock-raiser but a capable business man, whose efforts in the development of his personal interests have been so intelligently directed as to redound to the benefit of the community at large.

Mr. Heron has never married and with his two sisters makes his home upon his father's old farm. They affiliate with the Baptist church, and politically he is a republican, and has always taken an active part in local governmental matters. He is held in high esteem by his party and repre-

sented his district in the Seventeenth general state assembly. Many changes have taken place in Lockridge township during the half century and more he has been a resident here, following the advent of a newer and more progressive period of development in which he has been one of the factors.

FINIS E. METZ.

Finis E. Metz, a native of Round Prairie township, Jefferson county, where he now resides, was born September 23, 1857. He is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (McCormick) Metz, the former a native of Hagerstown, Maryland, and the latter of Ohio. The father was a carpenter, having learned his trade in Ohio, where he followed this calling for some time, subsequently removing to Indiana and later to Illinois, where he continued to work at his trade until 1855. In this year he crossed the Mississippi and established his new home in Jefferson county, Iowa. He came with the intention of following agricultural pursuits and for this purpose bought one hundred and sixty acres in Round Prairie township. This he cleared and improved, devoting himself to the cultivation of the fields until 1891, when he sold out his holdings and retired to Glasgow. There he resided until his wife's death, in June, 1894, and after that time made his home with his son, the subject of this review. His death occurred in July, 1900.

The home farm was the playground for F. E. Metz in his boyhood days and in a near-by school he acquired the usual education. He took up farming as his life work and assisted his father in tilling the fields until the age of twenty-one years, when he rented the homestead and operated it during the ensuing twelve years. His father then sold the place and he removed to a farm of eighty acres in Round Prairie township, which he had purchased a few years previously. This he improved and has cultivated since that time, erecting upon the place some very handsome buildings. By additional purchases he increased the area of his holdings until now he has about three hundred and forty-five acres of land. He is thoroughgoing in his methods and understands every phase of the administration of a well conducted farm. To stock-raising he also devotes his attention and raises on an average seventy-five head of hogs a year and feeds fifty head of cattle and twelve horses.

Mr. Metz was united in wedlock to Miss Mary E. Emerson, the ceremony being performed March 4, 1880. She is a daughter of John W. and Catherine (Wilson) Emerson, natives of Ohio. The father was an agriculturist, coming to Jefferson county in the early days of its settlement. Here he rented a farm for some years and subsequently bought a tract of

one hundred and forty acres in Round Prairie township and thirty acres in Van Buren county. To the cultivation of this place he devoted his energies for the rest of his life, passing away in September, 1889. His wife, who is now in her seventy-fifth year, still lives on the old homestead. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Metz there were four children: Mabel A., the wife of George M. Phillips, a farmer of Round Prairie township; Chester E., who married Rose Watson and operates a farm in Round Prairie township; Elmer L., who is married to May Scovel and also operates a farm in Round Prairie township; and Harry W., who lives at home and is twenty-four years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Metz are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Glasgow. In his political persuasion Mr. Metz subscribes to the republican policies. He is at present clerk of the township and has served as school director for fifteen years, and for thirteen years of this time was secretary of the school board. Devoted to the interests of his family, he has at all times performed his duty as he saw it and is held in high esteem by the whole community.

LOUIE BRUEY.

Louie Bruey, who engages in general farming and stock-raising in Cedar township, was born in Boise City, Idaho, on the 22d of January, 1876, and is a son of Peter and Philomene (Maries) Bruey. The father was born in Belfort, France, on the 27th of March, 1835, and there he spent the first twenty-three years of his life. In 1858 he emigrated to the United States locating in Jefferson county on the farm where our subject is now living. He subsequently purchased eighty acres from his father, Pacific Bruey, who in turn had bought it from Christopher Graber. Meeting with success in his agricultural pursuits, Peter Bruey was able to extend his holdings by the addition of another eighty acres, some of which he later sold, owning at the time of his death one hundred and forty acres of land. This land now belongs to his estate from whom it is rented by his son Louie. In the early '60s, Peter Bruey and his wife went west, locating in Utah, where he engaged in prospecting and gold mining until 1878, when he returned to his farm in this county, continuing to reside thereon until his death on October 5, 1905. The mother was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on the 28th of September, 1848, and passed away on their farm in Cedar township on the 21st of September, 1906. To Mr. and Mrs. Bruey were born five children: Anna, the widow of George E. Droz, of Fairfield, by whom she had three children: Ethel, Victor and Glen; Sylvia, the wife of Fred Raible, a cigar manufacturer

of Fairfield; Louie, our subject; Peter, who is living with his sister in Fairfield; and Maggie, the wife of John Crawford, Jr., a farmer of Cedar township and the mother of one child, Lola Carmen.

As he was only a child of eighteen months when his parents brought him to Fairfield, Louie Bruey has spent practically his entire life in Jefferson county. His education was obtained in the school of district No. 3, Cedar township, which he attended until he had mastered the common branches. While pursuing his studies he was qualifying himself for an agricultural career under the supervision of his father, whom he assisted with the operation of the farm. When he attained the age of twenty years, his father retired from the active work of the fields and the cultivation of the home place thereafter devolved upon the son. He has always been an industrious and enterprising man, who has applied himself intelligently to anything he undertook. In connection with the tilling of his fields he raises and feeds stock for the market, which he disposes of at a considerable profit. The farm is well kept up, the buildings being thoroughly repaired and the fields in a high state of cultivation, everything about the place suggesting the thrift and capable management that accompanies prosperity.

On the 17th of April, 1907, Mr. Bruey established a home for himself by his marriage to Miss Marie Walmer, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Pattison) Walmer. The father, who was of Pennsylvania-Dutch extraction, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, whence he removed in 1848 to Jefferson county, Iowa. Here he was married in 1869 to Miss Pattison, who was born and reared in Cedar township, where her father, who was a native of Ireland, engaged in farming for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Walmer began their domestic life on a farm he had subsequently acquired two and a half miles south of Fairfield, and there she passed away during the childhood of Mrs. Bruey. Farming always engaged the attention of the father, who at the time of his death owned one hundred and eighty-five acres of well improved land in Cedar township. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in Fairfield in 1863 in Company I, Forty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and gone to the front, where he remained for three months. Upon receiving his discharge he returned to his farm and there he passed away on the 15th of May, 1911. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Walmer numbered five, as follows: Etta, the wife of Joseph Farrell, a clerk in a hardware store in Birmingham, by whom she has had two children, Paul Dennis and Robert; Kate, who married David Collais, a farmer of Van Buren county by whom she has had one child, Mildred Louise; Mrs. Bruey; Anna, the wife of Clarence McElwain a ranchman of Montana, and the mother of two children, Alice Louise and Harry; and Lee, who is living on the old homestead near

Fairfield. To Mr. and Mrs. Bruey there have been born two daughters: Beulah Bernice, who was born on the 25th of May, 1908; and Edna Marie, whose birth occurred on the 6th of August, 1911.

The political views of Mr. Bruey accord with the principles of the democratic party, but he does not conspicuously participate in governmental matters. He concentrates his entire attention upon the development of his personal interests in which he is meeting with a goodly measure of success, being known as one of the capable and prosperous citizens of Cedar township.

HARRISON COLLINS.

When Harrison Collins passed away a year ago, Locust Grove township lost one of its best known, wealthiest and most highly respected citizens. He was for many years actively interested in farming, conducting operations on an extensive scale; but no matter how many responsibilities his own affairs entailed, he was never too much occupied to give generously of his time and energy whenever the public welfare demanded his aid or cooperation. He was born in Gallia county, Ohio, August 29, 1839, being a son of J. E. and Emaline (McGee) Collins; the former of English descent and a native of Kentucky, the latter of Irish parentage and a native of Ohio. When seventeen years of age, he came west accompanying his parents to Locust Grove township where they settled just north of Batavia. They were among the pioneer residents of this county, and in the operation of their farm, of one hundred and sixty acres, met with very substantial results.

His early education, Harrison Collins obtained in the school of his native locality; supplementing this by further study in the Batavia schools. He then worked in the fields until he came of age and, in 1862, traveled overland to California, drawn thither not by the hope of gaining riches but of regaining his health, which was never robust even when at the prime of his power. In a year, he returned home and for fifteen years after his father's death managed the farm for his mother. He never left the homestead, but continued to devote himself to the management of the farm, supervising the cultivation of its soil and the breeding of a high grade of stock.

On January 29, 1889, Mr. Collins was united in marriage to Miss Anna Dunn, a daughter of Henry and Harriet (Fleener) Dunn. Mrs. Collin's father was born near Chillicothe, Ohio, of Scotch-Irish lineage, and during his lifetime followed agricultural pursuits. He came to Jefferson

county when a young man, and here was married to Mrs. Harriet (Fleener) Fancher, who was born in Illinois of English parentage. Mrs. Dunn died when her daughter Anna was three years old. Mr. Dunn was engaged in farming in various parts of Jefferson county until 1873, when he removed to Kansas, where he lived until his death in 1886, near Stockton. In the Dunn family there were only two children: Anna and a sister, Effie, who died at the age of six months.

Mr. Collins took much interest in public affairs. He was regarded as one of the most influential men of his community in matters relating to the genral welfare, and in shaping the policy and public attitude towards questions of local interest. He was a democrat in his political views, and an ardent worker for the advancement of higher educational standards. He served for years as a member of the board of directors of school district, No. 7, of Locust Grove township. He maintained fraternal relations with the Odd Fellows of Batavia. On July 18, 1910, Mr. Collins passed away, deeply mourned by his widow, their only child, Bertha May, and one sister and a brother: John H. Collins, formerly a farmer and hop dealer, now living retired in Independence in Lammet Valley, Oregon; Mrs. H. Latta, the wife of Hugh Latta, a farmer near Batavia in Wapello county, Iowa. A sister, Margaret, was the wife of Ira Bennett, deceased, who were residents of Jefferson county, their home being near Libertyville but she is also deceased. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Collins rented the home farm and valuable land holdings, amounting to more than five hundred acres in the aggregate; and in October, 1910, she removed to Fairfield in order to give her daughter the advantages of higher education. Miss Collins is a student in the Fairfield high school, and is a prominent member of the younger social set in the town. She is a charming young girl and a favorite with everyone who knows her excellent qualities. She is a musical student of Parsons College. Her mother purchased a very fine home in West Broadway street, where their friends are lavishly entertained. Mrs. Collins is a woman of generous impulses and kind to all, doing good wherever she sees an opportunity. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Fairfield, having formerly belonged to the church of the same denomination in Batavia; to which her husband also belonged.

ELMER A. HOWARD.

While Elmer A. Howard's chief business interests call him to Chicago he is yet identified with banking and manufacturing enterprises in Fairfield and his family maintain their residence here. He is one of Fair-

field's native sons, born July 18, 1858, his parents being Levi and Elizabeth (Cook) Howard, natives of Kentucky and New York respectively. The year 1848 witnessed the arrival of both in this city, Mr. Howard coming with his parents while Mrs. Howard made the trip with her brother. They were married here and spent their remaining days in Jefferson county, Mr. Howard following the occupation of farming for a time while later he took up the business of contracting and building, in which he met with a fair measure of success. To him and his wife were born three children, of whom John died at the age of twenty-five years and Minnie when twenty-eight years of age, leaving Elmer A. Howard as the sole surviving representative of the family.

Throughout his entire life the subject of this review has regarded Fairfield as his home and in its public schools he acquired his early education while later he spent two years as a student in the Exline University of this city. He entered the railway service in the capacity of telegraph operator and later became station agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at this place. Subsequently he became interested in the shoe business as a partner of Ed Hunt under the firm style of Hunt & Howard, continuing his connection with merchandising until appointed during the first administration of President Cleveland to the position of Indian agent for the Pima, Moncopa and Papago Indians. He occupied that position for three years, on the expiration of which period he returned to Fairfield and reentered business circles here as one of the organizers of the Iowa State Savings Bank, of which he became vice president and manager. He was thus for several years closely associated with the financial interests of the city but was again called to public office during the second administration of President Cleveland when appointed national bank examiner for Iowa. He resigned after three years and again took charge of the Iowa State Savings Bank. His fitness for and fidelity in office were manifest in the fact that he has again and again been called to serve in some public capacity. His fellow townsmen elected him a member of the board of county supervisors, the first democrat ever chosen to serve in that capacity, and while he was on the board the present beautiful courthouse was erected. Later he was elected mayor of the city of Fairfield and inaugurated the first paving here. His entire administration was characterized by progress, reform and improvement and while there was no needless expenditure of funds he did not believe in that narrow, short-sighted economy which is followed by a sacrifice of the best interests of the city. In 1900 he resumed connection with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company and is now its real-estate and industrial commissioner, having charge of all its lines with headquarters

in Chicago. He still retains connection with banking and manufacturing interests in Fairfield and the city claims him as one of its valued citizens.

In 1883 Mr. Howard was united in marriage to Miss Mary Lampson, who was born in Fairfield, in 1860, a daughter of Ward Lampson. They have three children: Nathaniel, a graduate of the West Point Military Academy of the class of 1907; Hubert, who was graduated from Parsons College with the class of 1909 and is now a student of the Harvard Law School; and Eugene, who completed a course in Parsons College in 1911. The social prominence of the family is indicated by the cordial hospitality which is extended to them by the best homes of the city. Mr. Howard has long been a director of public thought and action and has wielded a wide influence here. His record as an official and as a business man has been so honorable that he has gained the confidence and good-will of all with whom he has been brought in contact. He belongs to that class of men whose enterprising spirit is not used alone for their own benefit. He has advanced the general good and promoted public prosperity by his ably managed individual interests and over his record as an official there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil.

HARRISON SMITH.

One of the exceptional men of Jefferson county is Harrison Smith who at the age of ninety years is still in vigorous health and does a large share of the work connected with the cultivation of his fields, having himself only this past summer planted and cared for twenty-six acres of corn and sixteen acres of millet. He is the head of a large family representing five generations, being the father of seven living children, seventeen grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. A recent photograph made of this interesting group is one of Mr. Smith's proudest possessions. Born in Henry county, Indiana, July 15, 1821, he was a son of Sampson and Elizabeth (Bonner) Smith. The original colonial ancestors belonged to the tory party, the great-grandfather, John Smith, holding the position of high sheriff under the crown during the Revolutionary war. The grandfather, William Smith, a farmer and hunter in Virginia, ran away from home to join the continental army. The father, who was a native of Virginia and followed agricultural pursuits, came west before Harrison Smith was born and took part in the War of 1812. In 1836 he crossed the Mississippi with his family and pushed westward through the wilderness, settling in what is now known as Henry county, Iowa, but which was then wild land covered with timber

and brush, under the sway of the Indians who roved unmolested over the wooded plains. Mr. Smith entered land from the government and in 1840 removed to the area now included in Jefferson county, locating one and one-half miles northwest of Brookville where he took up a claim, the land being purchased from the Indians by our government. In 1843 he removed to the farm on which his son Harrison Smith now lives and remained here until his death.

A resident of Indiana until the age of fifteen years Harrison Smith obtained his education in that state. At twenty-one years he left his father's home and was married, taking up a claim in Wapello county, Iowa, where he lived until nineteen years ago, when he sold the land and returned to the old homestead where he now lives. When the Civil war was in progress he enlisted in Company D, Nineteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, organized in Locust Grove township, and was elected first lieutenant, being honored at the close of the war with the commission of captain of the militia. He saw active service, taking part in the battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, a number of hot skirmishes and the siege of Vicksburg from June 13th to July 4th, when the city surrendered. At the end of a year's honorable service he was discharged on account of disability.

On October 27, 1842, Mr. Smith was united in the bonds of wedlock to Miss Susanna Bowman, a daughter of Samuel Bowman, a pioneer settler of Jefferson county. Mrs. Smith died in 1868 and by this union the following children were born: Elizabeth, the wife of George Harrison, a farmer of Kansas; Alexander, a carpenter of Wapello county; Mary Ellen, the wife of Leander Paulson, a farmer of Wapello county; Sarah Jane, deceased; Clara Matilda, the wife of Norman Reno, a fruit grower of Texas; Winfield, deceased; Thomas Franklin, deceased; and Harrison E., who is married to Nettie De Good and is a farmer living on a place adjoining the homestead.

On December 14, 1871, Mr. Smith contracted a second union with Miss Elizabeth Hudson, a daughter of Joseph Hudson. Her death occurred at the present home November 26, 1909. Five children were born by this marriage of whom two are living: Charles J., a farmer operating the home place with his father; and Miss Chinelcy, who is also living at home.

The names of Mr. Smith's seventeen grandchildren are as follows: Nora, Letta, Lillian, and Lee, the children of George Harrison; Claude, the daughter of Alexander Smith; John, Mary, Frank, and Effie, the children of Norman Reno; Carl, Arminta, Margaret, John, Raphael, Oren, Grace and Maude, the children of Harrison Smith. Mr. Smith also

has sixteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, the son of Harry Shuntermann and the grandson of Nora Harrison.

In his political views Mr. Smith votes with the republicans. Devoted to the interests of his family he has given his whole energies to promote their welfare, and now at the close of his ninetieth year can look back through the long vista of the past and take joy in his work well done. He is active and in good health and still capable of enthusiasm, taking a keen interest in the affairs about him which is the surest way of defying time and keeping the heart always young.

W. C. SPALDING.

W. C. Spalding, secretary, treasurer and general manager for the Iowa Malleable Iron Company, owning and operating a large plant at Fairfield, is by reason of this connection one of the most prominent representatives of industrial interests in Jefferson county. He has filled this position since 1906. His birth occurred in Windsor county, Vermont, December 25, 1853, his parents being Daniel and Eleanor (Evans) Spalding, the former a native of New Hampshire while the latter was born in the Green Mountain state. They were reared and married in Vermont and spent almost their entire lives there, the father following the occupation of farming. The family numbered seven children of whom four are yet living.

W. C. Spalding resided at the place of his birth until sixteen years of age, when he went to Poughkeepsie, New York, where he remained for five years, during which period he learned the stone cutter's trade. Thinking that better business opportunities were to be obtained in the middle west he came to Iowa in the fall of 1878 and for one year worked at his trade in Burlington. In 1879 he came to Fairfield and has since made this city his home and headquarters. He has, however, spent considerable time on the road, having been traveling representative for a Rutland, Vermont, house for two years while for eight years he represented a Chicago firm. He then entered the marble and granite business on his own account and successfully operated in that field for ten years. He next became a contractor in cement work to which undertaking he devoted his energies for two or three years and is still interested in the business. In 1906 he entered into his present relations with the Iowa Malleable Iron Company of which he is the secretary, treasurer and general manager as well as one of its directors. The cement contracting business is carried on under the firm style of Spalding & Kearns.

On the 1st of January, 1888, occurred the marriage of Mr. Spalding and Miss Nettie Ingalls, who was born in Jefferson county, and is a daughter of Alphonso and Nancy Ingalls, also residents of this part of the state. The father was born near Albany, New York, May 1, 1823, and with his parents removed westward to Jacksonville, Illinois, where he was practically reared. While living there he enlisted for service in the Mexican war, continuing with the army throughout the period of hostilities and at the close of the war receiving an honorable discharge. He was given a land warrant in recognition of his services and after coming to Iowa secured through that grant a tract of land in Polk township, Jefferson county. In March, 1864, he and his family took up their abode upon that property and to the development and cultivation of the fields he devoted his energies until he retired from active business life and removed to Fairfield where he died in April, 1880. While living upon the farm he engaged in the breeding of fine stock for a number of years, making a specialty of shorthorns which he exhibited at many fairs, winning a number of blue ribbons. His political views were in accord with the principles of the republican party of which he was a stanch and unfaltering advocate. On the 10th of February, 1848, Mr. Ingalls wedded Miss Nancy Sample, who was born near Jacksonville, Illinois, October 26, 1826, and died in Fairfield on the 31st of May, 1906. They were the parents of eight children of whom five reached years of maturity and are still living, namely: James, a resident of Portland, Oregon; Malissa, the wife of Henry Webb, of Wichita, Kansas; Charles, a resident of Darlington, Missouri; William, of Los Angeles, California; and Mrs. Spalding.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Spalding is a Mason and is locally prominent in the order, having become a member of the Knights Templar commandery and also of the Mystic Shrine. This and other activities, however, are but side issues in his life for his attention is chiefly concentrated upon his business interests and it has been through the individual improvement of his opportunities that he has worked his way steadily upward to the prominent position which he now fills in the industrial circle of Jefferson county.

LEWIS B. ZILLMAN.

Lewis B. Zillman is the owner of a well improved farm in Lockridge township, comprising one hundred and forty acres of land which he operates with much enterprise and success. He was not always a farmer, however. On arriving at years of maturity when he was faced with the

necessity of choosing his life work, the illusive opportunities of city business life held out their charms for him and, turning aside from the agricultural pursuits in which his father had reared him and in which he had served an apprenticeship for two years as hired farm help in Kansas, he went to Chicago and there secured employment with the Bell Telephone Company. After two years the company transferred him to their St. Louis branch where he worked an additional two years. By this time he had come to the wise conclusion that advancement was surer and quicker to come to the man on the farm and that the city could offer nothing equal to the joys and peace of country life. Having saved of his earnings a sum sufficient for investment, he entered into partnership with his brother and together they bought a farm which they set out to improve. This marked the beginning of his career as a farmer. Later he continued alone and today his success is evinced not only by his well cultivated land but by the handsome home in which he lives and the comforts with which he is able to surround himself.

Lewis B. Zillman was born in Lockridge township, Jefferson* county, Iowa, January 24, 1872. He is the son of Anthony and Elizabeth (Omer) Zillman, the former a native of Switzerland and the latter of Pennsylvania. His father was brought up in the country of his birth and on reaching manhood became a hostler in France. In 1867, however, he became imbued with the idea to tempt fortune on this side of the Atlantic and crossed the ocean to take advantage of the opportunities offered in a new country. He settled in Jefferson county buying forty acres of land in Lockridge township, and after improving the same he added various tracts adjoining, until at length he was the owner of two hundred acres. These he farmed until 1899 when he sold out and came to Lockridge to live, remaining here until his death January 14, 1911. The death of his wife occurred July 19, 1899.

Reared at home Lewis B. Zillman was sent to the district school nearby and when on the farm was expected to give whatever assistance his father demanded of him. Thus he acquired the rudiments of knowledge pertaining to improved methods of farming which bore their fruits in later years. As mentioned above he went to the city upon coming of age where he worked for four years first in Chicago then in St. Louis. He then engaged in farming in conjunction with his brother and together they bought a farm of one hundred and seventy acres which they improved and operated for two years. Thereupon they sold this farm, buying another of one hundred and eighty acres which they operated for five years, dissolving partnership at the end of that period. Lewis B. Zillman subsequently purchased one hundred and forty acres of land in Lockridge township which he has farmed ever since with excellent results.

In 1896, on New Year's day, Lewis B. Zillman was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Gholson, a daughter of George and Eliza Ann (Haines) Gholson, natives of Henry county, Iowa. Her father, as soon as he was old enough, engaged in farming for himself in Henry county and here still follows his calling, enjoying with his wife the results of their toil through many years of faithful devotion to duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Zillman became the parents of three children: George A., aged thirteen years; Lester, aged twelve; and Omer L., aged five years. In politics Mr. Zillman has always been a faithful supporter of the democratic party and has served as school director of his district. He belongs to the Odd Fellows and Yeomen lodges and, together with Mrs. Zillman, holds membership in the Baptist church. He has the warm regard of a large circle of friends, many of whom have known him from his boyhood days to the present time.

LOUIS BARROW.

Through the improvement of opportunities which Iowa offers in agricultural lines, Louis Barrow has made substantial progress in the business world, being the owner of a well improved farm from which he derives a good annual profit. He was born in Maidstone, Kent county, England, January 27, 1863; a son of Horace and Ellen (Holland) Barrow, also natives of that country. The parents continue to make their home upon the place where the birth of their son occurred, and there the father engages in general agricultural pursuits. Of their family of nine children, three sons and four daughters are yet living, a son and daughter having passed away. A brother of our subject, Bert Barrow, is now residing in Fairfield, having come to this country about twelve years ago.

Louis Barrow, the eldest child in his father's family, spent the period of his boyhood and youth in the land of his nativity. Upon the old homestead there, he early became acquainted with the best methods of tilling the soil and carrying on the work of the fields. He remained at home until about twenty-three years of age, when, in 1885, he crossed the Atlantic in order to join his father's brother, Henry Barrow, a resident of Fairfield, Iowa. He remained with his uncle for one year, after which he began working at the county poor farm, where he was employed for five years. At the expiration of that period, he was married and began farming on his own account, renting his present place in Center township, but this did not satisfy his ambition to become independent, so he applied himself diligently and persistently to the cultivation of the place with the

view of one day owning a farm. Working early and late in the fields and giving close attention to all of the tasks necessary in the development of a farm, he at length accomplished his purpose and by purchase became the owner of the tract which for nine years he had operated in the capacity of a renter. The place consists of one hundred and sixty acres, located on section 15, and has been brought under a high state of cultivation, most of the improvements found thereon having been instituted by Mr. Barrow. He carries on general agricultural pursuits, cultivating the crops best adapted to soil and climate; and each year his labors find their just reward, in gratifying results which are constantly advancing him toward the goal of prosperity.

In the year 1891, Mr. Barrow was united in marriage to Miss Laura Booth, who was born in Illinois in October, 1863. As a little maiden of two summers, she came to Iowa with her parents, Isaac and Susannah (Booth) Booth, who were both natives of Ohio. The father has now passed away, and the mother makes her home in Fairfield. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Barrow there were three children, but only one, Charles H., is now living. John Henry passed away in early childhood, and a twin sister of Charles died in infancy. Mr. Barrow gives his political support to the republican party but has never been active in the public life of the community, preferring rather to concentrate his undivided attention upon his business interests. He has made good use of his opportunities, and, as the years have gone by, has prospered in his undertaking as the result of his unfaltering industry and so he has never found occasion to regret that he left his native home to seek his fortune in this country, where opportunity is always open to ambition and enterprise.

J. L. RANEY.

An important industrial enterprise of Fairfield is the brick and tile factory of which J. L. Raney is now the proprietor. He has been continuously connected with the business since 1891 and in its control has displayed an aptitude for successful management that has resulted in the enlargement and financial growth of the undertaking. He has ever recognized the fact that the present and not the future holds his opportunity and thus he has made good use of the passing days, never crowding the labors of tomorrow with the work of today. His entire life has been passed within the borders of Jefferson county and therefore his history is largely familiar to his fellow townsmen who recognize that his salient qualities are those of honorable manhood and citizenship. He was born

in Cedar township, January 17, 1858, his parents being William and Hannah Mary (Loomis) Raney, the former born in Virginia and the latter in Ohio. The father was married first in the Buckeye state and came to Iowa in 1844, after having previously visited Jefferson county in company with a companion. They had journeyed hither on horseback and returned in the same way. Mr. Raney carrying back with him a favorable impression of the country and its opportunities. When he again reached Iowa, which at that time was under territorial rule, he settled in Van Buren county, entering a tract of land in Lick Creek township. With characteristic energy he began the development and cultivation of the farm upon which he resided until the death of his first wife. Later he purchased a farm in Cedar township, Jefferson county, comprising two hundred and forty acres of land which is now in possession of his son, J. L. Raney. Before he left Van Buren county he was married a second time, Miss Mary Loomis becoming his wife. She had come to Iowa in 1839 with her parents, Nathaniel and Eliza (Peckham) Loomis, who settled in Van Buren county. Her father was a native of Connecticut and her mother of Rhode Island, and the former followed farming after the pioneer style of the times. In the Loomis family were four sons and four daughters of whom three are yet living. One son, Philander, went to California in 1849 and has since resided there. Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. William Raney took up their abode upon the Cedar township farm which remained their home until the fall of 1891, when Mr. Raney retired from active business life and removed to Fairfield. By his first marriage he had one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Dave, now living in Ringgold county, Iowa. The children of the second marriage were: H. C., a graduate of the first class of Parsons College, who afterward studied law and was admitted to the bar, practicing in Fairfield until his death, which occurred in 1903, his widow and children still living in this city; J. L., our subject; Samuel, living in Salt Lake City, Utah; and Ida, the wife of David Hopkirk, of Grand Junction, Colorado. There were also four children who died in infancy.

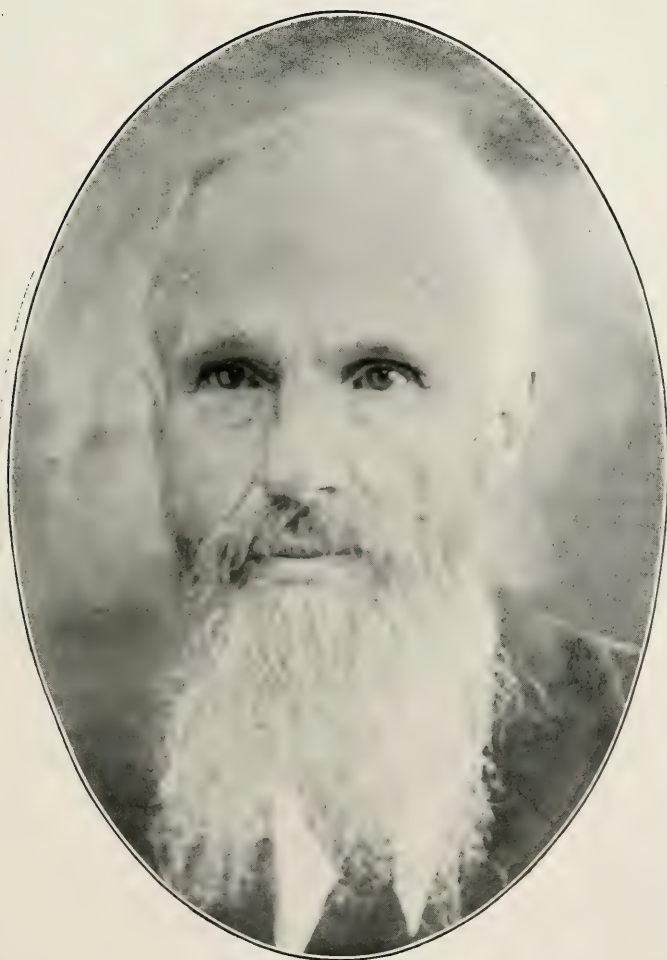
J. L. Raney has spent his entire life in Jefferson county, living on the old homestead farm until the fall of 1891, when he came to Fairfield, since which time he has been identified with the brick and tile industry, conducting the business under the firm name of Raney Brothers. He was a partner of H. C. Raney in this undertaking until the death of his brother who was an attorney and followed his profession while J. L. Raney looked after the management of the factory. He has been in full control since 1896 and the growth of the business has been both continuous and satisfactory. The factory was built by Messenger & Elliott about 1875 and in 1886 Mr. Raney and his brother purchased Mr. Elliott's

interest and in 1896 bought out Mr. Messenger. Since that time J. L. Raney has enlarged the plant, doubling its capacity, and it is now operated throughout the entire year with a capacity of one hundred thousand four-inch tile per month. The plant is equipped with seven kilns and employment is furnished to twenty-three men. The business ranks with the leading industrial enterprises of the county and its output finds a ready sale on the market. In addition to the conduct of its business Mr. Raney supervises his farm which is a valuable property in Cedar township.

In January, 1894, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Raney and Miss Mary E. McAllister, who was born in Fairfield in 1861 and is a daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Fox) McAllister. Mr. and Mrs. Raney now have one son, Frederick. They attend the Presbyterian church in which they hold membership and Mr. Raney gives his political support to the republican party but manifests only a citizen's interest in politics, never seeking nor desiring office. He has always preferred to give his attention to his business interests and is recognized as a man of keen discrimination and sound judgment, his executive ability and excellent management having brought to the concern with which he is connected a large degree of success. He has always studied the best methods of manufacture since entering the brick and tile business, has a plant well equipped with the latest improved machinery and places upon the market a product the quality of which insures a ready sale.

ROBERT STEPHENSON.

As each year is added to the cycle of the centuries the ranks of the Civil war veterans are fast becoming decimated, as one by one they respond to the final roll call. Among those who have recently passed away is numbered one, who, whether in times of peace or times of war, was ever found faithful to whatever duty lay before him and to whom the term citizenship held as much of responsibility as of privilege. Few are more deserving of the honor and esteem of their fellowmen than was Robert Stephenson, who for almost seven decades remained a resident of Jefferson county. He was born in England, September 3, 1831; a son of Robert and Mary Ann (Wilkins) Stephenson, also natives of England. The parents brought their family to the new world in 1834, landing at New York, whence they made their way to Cincinnati, Ohio, and on the 2d of May, 1841, arrived in Jefferson county, Iowa, the family home being located at Four Corners, Lockridge township. There they passed their remaining days on the farm upon which they first located, the father giving his entire



ROBERT STEPHENSON

time and attention to agricultural pursuits. He was a republican in politics and very prominent in the party ranks of Iowa, representing his county in the lower house of the state legislature. In his family were four sons: George, Robert, John and Thomas. The last named passed away while serving in the Civil war, as a member of Company M, Fourth Iowa Cavalry.

Robert Stephenson was a lad of three years when he left the land of his nativity and came with his parents to the United States. His education, which had been begun across the water, was completed in the schools of Jefferson county, and here he continued to reside, engaging in agricultural pursuits, until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted, on the 13th of November, 1861, in Company M, Fourth Iowa Cavalry. He remained in active service at the front until the 25th of February, 1863, when he was discharged on account of disability, due to an injury of the knee which resulted in the amputation of his left leg.

Returning home, Mr. Stephenson located on a small fruit farm at Coalport, Lockridge township, which he operated for about fourteen years, or until 1876, when he removed to Fairfield to assume the duties of county recorder of Jefferson county, to which office he had been elected in that year. Reelection proved the capability and efficiency with which he performed the duties that devolved upon him in that capacity, and for two terms he occupied the office. He also filled the position of justice of the peace at Lockridge for a number of years, and served as postmaster for a time. He was a staunch republican in politics, loyally supporting the principles for which the name stands, but, though a radical, he treated those of different political belief with courtesy and fairness and had warm friends in all parties. He became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1854, and, from that time until his death, he manifested the utmost fealty to the country of his adoption and to her laws and institutions.

Mr. Stephenson was married, at Lockridge, Iowa, on the 15th of May, 1856, to Miss Elizabeth Hopkirk, who was born in Rochester, New York, January 10, 1835; a daughter of William and Jane (Redpath) Hopkirk. Her parents were born, reared and married in Scotland and came to the United States on their wedding trip, landing at New York. They first made their home in Rochester, New York, later removed to Ohio, and in 1842 came to Jefferson county, Iowa, where their remaining days were spent. In their family were eleven children, six daughters and five sons, of whom the two eldest sons, William and Robert, enlisted from Jefferson county in the Fourth Iowa Cavalry, and both died while serving in the Civil war. Five daughters and two sons are now living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson were born eight children, as follows: Dr. Robert Bruce Stephenson, of Libertyville, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; William Wallace, who passed away when four years of age; Mary Ann,

whose death occurred at three years; Anna Laura, who died at the age of five months; James Ralph, a resident of Des Moines; John Walter, of Fairfield; Flora Belle, who married Oscar Boltz, of Fairfield; and another who passed away in infancy. Mr. Stephenson held membership in George Strong Post, No. 19, G. A. R., and both he and his wife belonged to the Presbyterian church, in the faith of which he passed away on the 14th of February, 1909. For over a year he had been in frail health and for three months prior to his death it was known that he could not long survive, yet the news of his death brought a sense of personal loss to the citizens of Fairfield among whom he had lived and labored for so many years. He was one of the widely known men of Jefferson county and during his residence in this city had gained many warm friends, for the salient elements of his character were such as command confidence and regard and win and hold friendship. His widow still makes her home on South Fourth street, in Fairfield, and occupies a high place in the affections of all who know her, by reason of her many excellent qualities of heart and mind.

JACOB MARING.

Jacob Maring, who has for many years been identified with the agricultural pursuits of Des Moines township, is now living retired upon the farm which his father acquired from the government more than a half century ago. He was born in Belmont county, Ohio, on the 16th of April, 1839, and is a son of Robert and Narcaza (Powell) Maring, natives of Ohio but of German extraction. During the early boyhood of our subject they moved to Keokuk county, later to Van Buren county and finally came to Jefferson. Des Moines township was but sparsely settled at that period and Mr. Maring entered one hundred and sixty acres of government land upon which he settled with his family. By means of diligence and thrift Mr. Maring brought his place into a high state of development, and here he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Maring died in the spring of 1855, while her husband survived until June, 1863.

The boyhood and youth of Jacob Maring were not unlike those of other lads of the pioneer period. He attended the district schools in the acquirement of his education at such times as his assistance was not required in the work of the farm. At the breaking out of the Civil war he and his wife were living at Chillicothe, Iowa, where on the 22d of July, 1862, he enlisted as a private and went to the front in Company K,

Eighteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He saw considerable active service, participating in a number of battles and skirmishes, among them those of Springfield, Missouri, Moscow and Poison Springs. He was mustered out at the end of three years at Little Rock, Arkansas, receiving his discharge at Davenport. Upon his return home he farmed as a renter at Chillicothe for some time, afterward purchasing the interest of the other heirs in his father's farm, upon which he has now resided over thirty years. Mr. Maring retired from the active work of the fields about four years ago, and is now renting all of his land with the exception of a small tract, that he retains for a garden.

On the 8th of April, 1857, Mr. Maring was united in marriage to Miss Angeline Pinegar, a daughter of Peter and Annie (Anderson) Pinegar. The father was born and reared in North Carolina and the mother a native of Kentucky, having been born in the vicinity of Lexington, of German extraction. Mr. Pinegar came to Iowa with his family in 1854, settling on some land in Des Moines township, this county. There they lived for some time but he was a resident of Wapello county, at the time of his demise, while his wife died in Clarke county, Iowa. Mrs. Maring is one of those women who had to do both a man's and woman's work while her husband was at the front during the war. She chopped wood and husked the corn planted by her husband before enlisting, and at times found it most difficult to provide herself and babies with food and clothing. She maintains that the men in the service exhibited no more courage nor suffered greater hardships than were endured oftentimes by their families at home. She had two brothers in the war, John A. Pinegar, a member of the Seventh Iowa Volunteer Cavalry, who is now residing near Chillicothe, this state, and her youngest brother, Peter J., who was a member of Mr. Maring's company, at the present time a resident of Osceola, Clarke county. She also had two younger sisters, Martha and Lydia, both deceased. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Maring numbers six. Annie Jane, the eldest, married Dave Alsbaugh of Fairfield, Iowa. John M., a cement worker of Ottumwa, married Emma Holten of Mapleton, Illinois, and they have five children: Joseph, Jacob, Luke, May and John. George Francis, a farmer of Des Moines township, this county, married Leona Parker and they have five children: Carl, Joseph, Wesley, Howard and Bertha. William, a huckster and poultryman of Kansas City, Kansas, married, and has three children: Margaret, Roy and Clarence. Theodore, a farmer near Ottumwa, Iowa, married Maggie Perry and they have four children: Paul, Helen, Margaret and Evans. Cordelia, wife of Charles Peterson, a farmer in the vicinity of Birmingham, Iowa, has one son, Paul. Mr. and Mrs. Maring have lost three children: Bertha, Marcus De Lafayette and a son, who died in infancy.

Mr. Maring is a staunch republican in his political views, but has never been an office seeker. He attends the Free Methodist church of Eldon, of which his wife is an earnest and devoted member. He is one of the enterprising men of the community, whose agricultural pursuits awarded him a fair measure of success, his farm being one of the valuable properties of the township.

CALVIN SNOOK, M. D.

What every man seeks is opportunity to attain success in his chosen field of labor. The purpose of life is to afford opportunities for physical, mental and spiritual development. In these countries, such opportunities lie before every one who is willing to make use of them; they may slip away from the sluggard, and tauntingly play before the dreamer, but they surrender to the individual with high purpose, undaunted courage and indefatigable determination. Such were the qualities which Dr. Calvin Snook possessed, and, as a result, he gradually advanced as a practitioner of medicine; winning for himself a creditable position in the ranks of the medical profession, in Iowa. He was born March 15, 1848, in Jefferson county, Iowa, upon a farm north of Fairfield, his parents being John and Mary (Fowler) Snook. The father was born and reared in Pennsylvania, and was of English-Dutch descent. His ancestors were natives of England but afterward removed to Holland and came to America prior to the Revolutionary war. The family home was established in New Jersey, and several representatives of the family became soldiers of the American army in the Revolutionary war. It was in the year 1842 that John Snook came to Iowa, settling north of Fairfield among the first residents of Jefferson county. In its development in pioneer days, as well as through the period of later progress, he took active and helpful part. With this work of upbuilding, he was closely associated throughout the entire period of his residence here. His farm was a tract of undeveloped land when it came into his possession, but he labored untiringly and persistently to convert it into productive fields. Upon the lands he had won for civilization, Mr. Snook made his home until his death. He and his wife were members of the First Presbyterian church of Fairfield, and were among the first four to be taken into the church and he was an elder.

Through the period of his early manhood, Dr. Snook remained upon the old home farm, working in the fields through the summer months, and attending the public schools in the winter seasons. Later, higher

educational privileges were accorded him and he attended the seminary of Fairfield, which was a private school conducted by a Miss Pettigrew, of Pennsylvania. Afterward, he entered the medical college at Keokuk, Iowa, having determined to make the practice of medicine his life work, and was there graduated in the class of 1869, at which time the M. D. degree was conferred upon him. He was also a graduate of the Iowa State Medical College at Iowa City, but, as he was not in good health, on the completion of his medical course, he went to Kansas for a time, living with his uncle, William Snook. Afterward, he returned to this state and entered upon the practice of medicine in connection with a partner at Moulton, Iowa. Subsequently, he removed to Perlee, Iowa, a mining town, in which he followed his profession for seven years. In 1879, he was married and removed to Fairfield, where he continued in active practice until his death, which occurred on the 4th of January, 1906. He was regarded as one of the most capable physicians of the city. Having comprehensive knowledge of the principles of medicine, he had the ability to accurately apply his knowledge to the needs of each specific case which came under his care.

On the 16th of January, 1879, Dr. Snook was united in marriage to Miss Ella A. Anderson, a daughter of Dr. Isaac N. and Hannah (Batty) Anderson. Her father was a physician who was born in Sterling, Kentucky, and came of English and French stock. He represented one of the old and prominent families of Virginia and Mrs. Snook was a cousin of Congressman Flood. Her mother was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, of English parentage, but was reared in Keokuk, Iowa. Her husband, Dr. Anderson, practiced in Keensburg, Illinois, for a long period and there departed this life, in 1863. His widow long survived him and when taken ill was living in Keokuk, Iowa, but was brought to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Snook, in Fairfield, here passing away on the 23d of November, 1905. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Snook were born four children but the eldest, Hannah D., died when but three months old. Mary Batty, who is a graduate of Parsons College of the class of 1901, is now a teacher in the high school of Keosauqua, Iowa. John Newton, the third child, died June 21, 1910. Esther Shipman, who was graduated from Parsons College with the class of 1911, is now at home with her mother. Mrs. Snook still owns and operates a stock farm of three hundred and ten acres, constituting a valuable property in Cedar township. On this farm is a fine mineral well and mineral springs; also an Indian mound which is of historic interest. In addition to this property, Mrs. Snook owns a pleasant home in the city of Fairfield. Dr. Snook was widely and favorably known not only in his professional relations but in other public connections as well, whereby he contributed to the growth

and development of the city. In politics, he was a democrat and for several terms served as a member of the city council of Fairfield, exercising his prerogatives in support of many practical and progressive public measures. For years, he served as a member of the school board and the cause of education ever found in him a warm friend. At one time, he was a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows lodges at Perlee, Iowa. He attended the Presbyterian church at Fairfield, and was a trustee of the church of that denomination at Perlee; and his wife and daughters are members of the Fairfield Presbyterian church. Dr. Snook was particularly active in his profession, and spared neither time nor pains to acquaint himself with such knowledge as would prove of actual value and worth in his practice. He was a member of the Tri-State Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the Jefferson County Medical Society. He was also local physician for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Medical Association, and served from 1892 until the time of his death. He was likewise a member of the Jefferson county board of pension examiners for years. Dr. Snook early grasped the eternal truth that industry wins, and industry became the beacon light of his life. It was this that continually promoted his knowledge of his chosen profession, and advanced his ability in practice. Those who met him, professionally and socially, recognized in him most attractive personal qualities and he had a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

ALBERT E. LARSON.

Albert E. Larson, who engages in general farming and stock-raising in Lockridge township, and who is numbered among the substantial agriculturists of this locality, was born in this township on the 28th of February, 1874, a son of Andrew J. and Matilda (Nelson) Larson. As their names would imply, his parents are natives of Sweden, where the father was engaged as coachman for many years. He came to the United States in 1868, locating in Jefferson county where he cleared a tract of eighty acres, receiving as a reward for his work the use of the tract for seven years. During that period, he obtained seven good crops from the place, the sale of which enabled him to accumulate sufficient money with which to purchase a sixty-acre tract in Lockridge township. This he at once began to cultivate and improve, and another seven years was spent in its operation. At the end of this time, he sold out and bought one hundred acres, also in this township, to which he later added forty acres. Under

his management, this also was brought under a high state of cultivation, and he maintained his home upon it until 1895 when he partially retired from business life, renting one hundred acres of the land to his son, while he continued to operate the other forty acres. In 1903, however, he retired altogether and removed to Salina, where he purchased and improved a twenty-acre tract upon which he now makes his home. His wife also survives.

During his boyhood days, Albert E. Larson worked on his father's farm and passed through the usual experiences which make up the life of the country boy, engaging in the general routine of the farm during the summer season, and attending the district school during the winter. Upon completing his education, he went to Moline, Illinois, where he was employed in a lumberyard for one year. He then accepted a position at the hospital in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, where he remained for two years. At the expiration of that period, he returned home and rented his father's farm, which he continued to operate for seven years. Later, he rented another tract which remained the scene of his activity for three years. Subsequently, he purchased eighty acres of land in Lockridge township, upon which he established and still maintains his home. To the cultivation of this property he is now devoting all his energies. Under his supervision it has become a finely improved tract and the fields, naturally rich and fertile, have yielded substantial harvests which annually bring Mr. Larson good financial return, and this is further supplemented by the profit that he gets from his stock-raising. He raises on an average of seventy head of hogs per year, and keeps about seven head of horses and forty head of cattle on the place.

In October, 1895, Mr. Larson was united in marriage to Miss Amanda J. Larson, a daughter of Martin and Matilda (Olson) Larson, both natives of Sweden who came to the United States in 1872, taking up their abode in Michigan. In that state, and also in Colorado, the father engaged in mining for some time and, later, removed to Jefferson county, Iowa, taking up his residence on a tract of thirty-five acres in Lockridge township, which he had purchased some years previous. Later, he added more land as his means permitted, and he continued to engage successfully in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in May, 1908. His widow still survives at the age of sixty-six years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Larson were born four children, but the eldest, Clarence, passed away in 1900 at the age of four years. The surviving children are: Clifton, Fern and Virgil, aged ten, seven and one, respectively. Mr. Larson is a man of high moral character; the rules guiding his life having their root in his membership in the Lutheran church, to which his wife also belongs. He gives loyal support to the republican party, but the honors and emoluments

of office have never held attraction for him. He has preferred rather to devote his entire time and attention to his personal affairs, and in the wise management of his farming interests is found the secret of his prosperity. Since the above was written Andrew J. Larson has sold his place at Salina, and is building a home in Fairfield, Iowa.

PEARL L. FULTON.

Pearl L. Fulton is now living in Fairfield but for many years was closely associated with the farming interests of the county and is still the owner of a valuable farm, which is divided by the border line between Des Moines township and Van Buren county. He represents one of the old families of this section of the state, his birth having occurred in Des Moines township, October 1, 1864. His parents were J. W. and Sarah Elizabeth (Minear) Fulton, whose family numbered six children, of whom Pearl L. was the third in order of birth. The boy was reared by his grandparents, Alexander and Eliza Fulton, who resided one mile west of Fairfield. He spent the greater part of his time with them until his marriage and then took up his abode upon a farm in Des Moines township, where he lived for thirteen years. He has made his home in Fairfield for two years but is still the owner of a good farm property, comprising two hundred and twenty-four acres, of which eighty acres lie in Des Moines township, while the remainder is across the line in Van Buren county. The soil is rich and productive and responds readily to the care and labor bestowed upon it. In all of his work Mr. Fulton utilized progressive methods and the latest improved machinery. He brought his fields, therefore, under a high state of cultivation and kept everything about his place in excellent condition. No buildings or fences were allowed to sink into a state of disrepair and an air of neatness and thrift pervaded the entire place, showing that all work was done under the careful supervision of Mr. Fulton, who ever ranked with the enterprising agriculturists of the community.

On the 29th of February, 1888, occurred the marriage of Mr. Fulton and Miss Edith V. Snook, who was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, July 8, 1866, a daughter of Abe A. and Nattie (Tuller) Snook, both of whom were natives of Ohio and are now residents of Davenport. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Fulton numbers ten children. The eldest, Robert L., is a pattern maker for the Loudon Company. He is also noble grand of Fairfield Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., and is a representative of the fourth generation of the Fulton family to belong to that lodge, his father, grandfather and great-grandfather having all been members. He married Maude

Lewis and they have two children, Margaret Maude and Robert Harold. Grace H., the eldest daughter of the family, is a telephone operator living at home. The others are Elizabeth, Harry, Wayne, Marian, Arthur, Mildred, Frederick and Florence. The eldest son, although born and reared in Jefferson county, never had a day's free schooling, the father always having had to send him out of the township and pay tuition, for the nearest free school was three and a half miles from his home so that he was sent to a nearer school in Van Buren county.

Mr. Fulton is a progressive republican, believing in the movement of the present day whereby the people are demanding a leadership that shall work for the interest of the many rather than of the few. He has long been a valued representative of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has held all of the offices in the subordinate lodge and in the encampment. He has a wide acquaintance in this county, where his entire life has been passed and where his honorable business activity and progressive citizenship have gained him the respect and good will of all who know him. A life of unfaltering diligence and determination in the conduct of his farm at length brought him a substantial financial return, enabling him now to rest from further labors so that he is today comfortably situated in a pleasant home in Fairfield.

WILLIAM J. ANKROM.

William J. Ankrom, who is engaged in operating a farm in Cedar township that has been in the family for over seventy-five years, was born in Utah, April 25, 1875, and is a son of William and Nancy D. (Gilbert) Ankrom. The father was born in Tyler county, Virginia, and was of Welsh and English extraction, while the mother was born near Lorne, County Antrim, Ireland, and is of Scotch-Irish descent. William Ankrom came to Iowa with his parents in 1836, first locating in Burlington, where they remained for a year. His father, John Ankrom moved on to Jefferson county and preempted a quarter section of land in Cedar township that he entered when the government threw it open to settlement in 1837 or 1838. The family remained in Burlington while he erected such buildings upon the place as were necessary for their comfort and the protection of his stock, among them being the old log house, that is still standing on the homestead. Here John Ankrom passed away in 1881. He was only a boy when he located in Iowa with his parents passing practically his entire life on his father's farm. He helped to hew and prepare the logs for the first school house erected on the present site of

what is now known as the Ankrom school, and there he completed his education. In common with other lads of the pioneer period he early assumed much of the responsibility connected with the operation of the farm, which he ultimately acquired. He added to his holdings from time to time, some of which he later sold, until the place now contains two hundred acres, all of it being under a high state of cultivation. Mr. and Mrs. Ankrom were married in 1874, and to them were born three children: William J., our subject; M. Grace; and Eva L. The two daughters are living in Seattle, where they own a confectionary store, and the mother is now making her home with them, the father having passed away in 1910, his death occurring on the old farmstead. There are only two members of the family of John Ankrom now living in Jefferson county: Mrs. William Coop, of Cedar township; and Mrs. H. B. Keltner, who is a twin sister of Mrs. Coop, of Fairfield, Iowa. There has always been more or less controversy about who was the first white child born in Jefferson county, and William Ankrom always maintained that it was Cyrus Walker, now of Van Buren county, his birth occurring in March, 1837. There were three white children born that year, William Coop, whose birth occurred in June and Daniel Moore, who was born in September, being the other two.

William J. Ankrom was reared on his grandfather's farm and obtained his education in the Ankrom school, remaining at home until he had attained his majority. When old enough for life's work, he went to Fairfield, where he learned the molder's trade, and was for some years thereafter employed in the plant of the Malleable Iron Company there. He subsequently withdrew from this occupation and returned to the farm, which he is now renting from his mother. Mr. Ankrom is meeting with good success in his agricultural pursuits, and is one of the capable farmers of the county.

Fairfield was the scene of the marriage of Mr. Ankrom and Miss Lydia L. Mullenix, on the 22d of August, 1901, and there they spent the early years of their domestic life. Mrs. Ankrom is a daughter of J. P. and Margaret (Long) Mullenix, of Fairfield, where they located in 1881. They were natives of Ohio, whence they removed to Illinois, and from there to Jefferson county, Mr. Mullenix having for many years been engaged in the insurance business in Fairfield. He still continues to reside there, while the mother had passed away in 1909. Mr. Mullenix is a veteran of the Civil war.

In his political views Mr. Ankrom is a democrat, as was also his father and grandfather. He served for two terms as justice of the peace and was elected for a third but would not qualify, preferring to give his entire attention to the development of his personal interests. He is a mem-

ber of Clinton Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M.; and Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., both of Fairfield, while both he and Mrs. Ankrom hold membership in the Presbyterian church of Fairfield. For thirteen years Mr. Ankrom served as a member of the Iowa National Guard, and he was also a volunteer in the Spanish-American war, having enlisted in Company M, Fiftieth Iowa United States Volunteers at Fairfield, remaining in the service for seven months, mostly spent in camp at Jacksonville, Florida. He is a worthy representative of one of Jefferson county's highly esteemed pioneer families, and is held in favorable regard by his many friends in Cedar township.

LIEUTENANT S. J. CHESTER.

Lieutenant S. J. Chester, a veteran of the Civil war and at different times closely associated with the business interests of Jefferson county, is now living retired in Fairfield, enjoying a well earned rest. He was born near Warsaw, Indiana, March 16, 1840, a son of Joseph and Jane (Robinson) Chester. The father was born in Ohio, March 16, 1806; the mother's birth occurred in Pennsylvania, June 2, 1807, and they were married in Delaware county, Ohio, January 22, 1829. Removing westward to Iowa in 1850 they first settled in Lynn county and six years later came to Jefferson county, taking up their abode in Rich Woods. They remained residents of this county until several years after the Civil war and about 1870 removed to Wayne county where they lived until going to Jasper county, Missouri. The father was a farmer by occupation and also for many years a local preacher of the Methodist church. In his honorable, upright life he left a worthy example for his family and the priceless heritage of an untarnished name. He died in Carthage, Missouri, March 4, 1891, having for less than a year survived his wife, who passed away on the 4th of April, 1890. They were the parents of nine children of whom four died in early life, the others being: Mrs. Emeline Nevin, now deceased; S. J., of this review; Thomas W., and V. L., both of whom have passed away; and Oliver F., of Arkansas. The last two were soldiers of the Civil war, enlisting from Jefferson county in the Fourth Iowa Cavalry. V. L. Chester served for three years while Oliver F. Chester went out as a recruit and continued with the army to the end of the war.

The family was also represented in the Civil war by Lieutenant S. J. Chester who had come to Jefferson county with his parents and remained under the parental roof until he entered the army on the 12th of August, 1862, as a member of Company G, Thirtieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry.

He enlisted as a private but after the organization of his company was elected second lieutenant and following the charge at Vicksburg was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. He sustained a gun-shot wound through the left leg at Vicksburg during the charge on the city on the 22d of May, 1863. Because of his injuries he was granted a two months' furlough which he spent at home and then rejoined his regiment which was still before Vicksburg, continuing with that command until April, 1864, when he resigned, owing to disability. He had participated in a number of important engagements including the battles of Arkansas Post, Raymond, Jackson, Cherokee Station, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge and Ringgold. He possessed a soldierly bearing, being six feet two inches in height, straight and well formed, and his comrades admiringly spoke of his fearlessness and bravery.

Soon after being mustered out Lieutenant Chester was married, on the 22d of September, 1864, to Miss Olive E. Hendricks, a daughter of James H. Hendricks, and they took up their abode upon a farm, to the cultivation and development of which Mr. Chester devoted his energies until 1873. He then removed to Fairfield where he has since resided, here becoming identified with business interests as a grocer, conducting a store until 1879. He was then elected sheriff of Jefferson county and on the 1st of January, 1880, entered upon the duties of this position to which he was afterward reelected, serving until the 1st of January, 1884, when he declined another nomination. He later spent several months in traveling, visiting Salt Lake and other points in the west for the benefit of his health. In 1890 he was appointed postmaster of Fairfield and served for four years under President Harrison. Subsequently he spent several months in California with his wife and upon his return to Fairfield engaged in the hotel business, conducting the Leggett house for five years. He again spent several months in California and also took a trip to Cuba and since that time he has lived retired, devoting his time to those things which are a matter of interest and entertainment to him. He has some property interests, owning land in Texas.

By the marriage of Lieutenant Chester and Olive E. Hendricks there were born four children: Flora E., the wife of Charles Herring of Fairfield; Mildred J., deceased; Daisy E., the wife of C. W. Trowbridge, of Fairfield; and Frank M., of Los Angeles, California. The wife and mother died July 13, 1878, and on the 4th of December, 1879, Lieutenant Chester wedded Elizabeth McKenney, a native of Fairfield and a daughter of J. A. McKenney.

In politics Mr. Chester is a republican, having supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has always been more or less active in public affairs here and has served as marshal on the

occasion of all public celebrations in this city for the past thirty years. In Masonry he has taken the degrees of the lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine and is an exemplary representative of the craft. Loyalty has always been one of his strong characteristics. It was manifest in his army record, in his public service and in his friendships. He is one of the widely known residents of the city and enjoys in unusual measure the warm regard and high respect of those who know him.

JAMES P. BENNETT.

Industry and thrift, combined with good judgment and the faculty of sacrificing immediate enjoyment for future returns, are the qualities which insure success. One who exemplifies this maxim is James P. Bennett, who was for many years successfully engaged in the pursuit of agricultural interests and now lives retired on his farm in Cedar township. Since becoming a resident of Jefferson county, in 1874, he has been intimately connected with the growth and development of this section of the country, being a man whose personality has always carried much weight in his community. He was born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, in 1829, being a son of Anthony and Nancy (Espy) Bennett. The father was born in Pennsylvania, on the Susquehanna river, in 1777. Of Scotch-Irish parentage, he inherited the sterling qualities of his ancestors and in the pursuit of his calling, which combined farming, carpentering and plow making, he met with most substantial returns. The mother was born in Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, and came from an old Colonial family. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Bennett resided in the Keystone state until their death.

Reared with care under the parental roof, James P. Bennett obtained his education in the schools of his native locality and was early trained in the arts of husbandry, remaining with his parents until he became of age. He then engaged in farming on his own account but soon returned to the home place which he operated until 1874. In this year he removed with his family to Iowa, choosing as a suitable location for a home the farm on which he now lives, on sections 29 and 30 of Cedar township, trading his farm in Pennsylvania for this land. In addition he bought eighty acres, making a total of two hundred and forty acres in all. Ten years ago Mr. Bennett withdrew from active work in connection with the management of his place which has since that time been conducted by his son Almer, who continues his father's practical methods and wise administration, being successful in the various departments of general farming and also in stock-raising.

The marriage of Mr. Bennett and Miss Lucinda Cordelia White was solemnized on the 1st of January, 1857, in Crawford county, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Bennett was born November 17, 1833, in Pennsylvania, and resided near Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania, until her marriage. After a long and useful life devoted to the service of her family and friends she passed away on October 19, 1909, at the age of seventy-six years. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bennett were: Fred, who died when a small boy; Alta, the wife of Marion Crum, of Daunt, California, who departed this life January 17, 1896, on a farm near Fairfield, Iowa, leaving two children, Pearl and Ray; Almer, who lives on his father's farm; Manson, who died October 5, 1895 and was married to Miss Fannie Shaw, who now resides in Hartsville, Missouri, with her son Ralph, her daughter Ellen being deceased; and Otto, who is a fruit dealer of Clatskanie, Oregon, and who married Minnie Waldo, by whom he has two children, La Rue and Harvey. Almer, the eldest boy now living, operates the home farm, having relieved his father of this responsibility ever since the latter's retirement ten years ago. He was united in marriage to Ella Hecht, a daughter of John and Mary Hecht, residents of Ida county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Almer Bennett are the parents of five children, namely: Meta at home; Hazel, the wife of Lawrence J. Droz, a farmer of Cedar township; and Willian Serle and J., who are living at home.

Mr. Bennett and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Birmingham. In his political views he is a loyal supporter of republican policies and has been called to office on several occasions, having served as supervisor of roads in Cedar township and as school director in his home district. He has never shirked the duties of citizenship no matter how largely his own interests have claimed his attention. During the Civil war he served as enlisting and recruiting officer for the United States army. He is a man of force of character and attractive personality, a favorite among those who have known him for many years.

CLARK VAN NOSTRAND.

Clark Van Nostrand is a retired farmer living in Fairfield. A life of well directed energy and activity has brought him to the venerable age of eighty years, with the respect, good will and confidence of his fellowmen: so that today, all who know him—old and young, rich and poor,—entertain for him warm regard and strong friendship. His birth occurred in Ashland, Ohio, January 12, 1831, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Gribben) Van Nostrand, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania:

the father's birth occurring in Westmoreland county September 1, 1800, while the mother was born in 1802. They were married in Ohio, and, in the fall of 1850, came to Iowa; settling on a farm three miles north of Fairfield, which remained their place of residence until their life labors were over. The mother passed away about 1856, and Mr. Van Nostrand died on the 6th of April, 1859. In their family were four sons and two daughters: William, living in Leon, Iowa; Clark; Mrs. Amanda Burkhammer, of Shenandoah, Iowa; Lewis, Perry and Jane, all deceased.

Clark Van Nostrand came to Iowa with his parents, and has since resided in Jefferson county. He was at that time a young man of about nineteen years. His education had been acquired in the schools of Ohio; and he had received practical training in farm work by assisting his father in the fields. Here he continued to aid in the cultivation of the old homestead property, until his father's death. He was then married and began farming on his own account, continuing to engage in agricultural pursuits until about five years ago, when he retired and took up his abode in Fairfield. His first farm was about two and a half miles northeast of the city, in Buchanan township. There, in connection with his brother Lewis, he purchased a quarter section of land; and there they resided in the same house for five years and together carried on their business interests. At the end of that time, Clark Van Nostrand purchased the interest of his brother and afterward added to his property, from time to time, as opportunity offered and financial resources permitted. In this way, he increased his holdings until he had four hundred and eighty acres, which he brought under a high state of cultivation; the fields annually returning him golden harvests. For a number of years, he also carried on farming in partnership with his son Lewis, and when, at the age of seventy-five years, he decided to put aside all business cares he divided his farm among his children. He is much pleased with the result of this division of his property, for they have made good use of what has been given them, and are now comfortably situated in life.

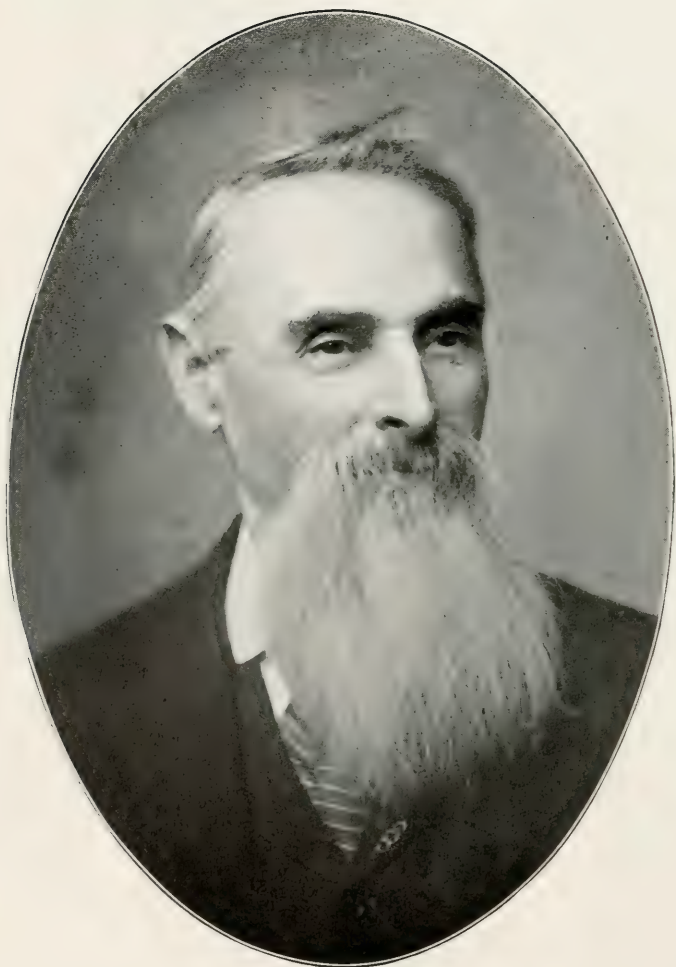
In 1859 Mr. Van Nostrand wedded Miss Sarah Whiting, who was born in Ohio, April 9, 1832, and in her childhood came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Whiting, to Iowa. She was, thus, long closely associated with the pioneer development of this section of the state. For more than a half century, Mr. and Mrs. Van Nostrand had traveled life's journey happily together, when, on the 6th of January, 1911, they were separated by the death of the wife. Mr. Van Nostrand always felt that he owed much of his success to her assistance, capable management and encouragement. Their's was largely an ideal married relation, for their mutual love and confidence increased as the years passed by, and the greatest blow that has ever come to Mr. Van Nostrand was in the death of her

who had so long been to him a faithful and loved companion and help-mate on life's journey. This well mated pair were the parents of six sons and a daughter. Three of the number died in infancy and one died at the age of five years, the others being: Anna, now the deceased wife of B. L. Gossich; Andrew B., of Colorado; and Lewis W., of Fairfield.

Mr. Van Nostrand has long voted with the republican party, and, while not a politician in the usually accepted sense of office seeking, he has served as a member of the board of supervisors for a term of three years; he has, also, capably filled a number of township offices. He is a devoted and faithful member of the Christian church, and, in 1907, he built and donated to the church as a parsonage, an attractive, modern home. He has served as one of the elders in the church since its organization, and in every department of his work he has taken a deep and helpful interest, doing all in his power to promote the growth and extend the influence of Christianity as a moving force in the lives of the people of this district. Now, when old age has come upon him, he can look back over the past without regret; and forward to the future, without fear. Although he has reached the age of eighty years, Mr. Van Nostrand is a remarkably well preserved man. His mind is yet clear and keen, displaying the vigor of many a man of much younger years; and he keeps in touch, through his reading, with the world's advanced thought and progress.

SOLOMON WILHERMSDORFER.

Solomon Wilhermsdorfer, who passed away February 2, 1911, was formerly a prominent merchant but since 1878 he was actively and successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits in Jefferson county. He was born in Ansbach, Bavaria, Germany, September 18, 1832, the son of Samuel and Babetta (Katz) Wilhermsdorfer. He was reared in his native country but started for America when not quite twenty years of age, reaching New York, November 6, 1852, after a voyage of sixty-two days on the sailing vessel Rhine, which was nearly wrecked on the passage. In New York he found employment as a florist and gardner, a profession which he had acquired in the royal gardens in the old country, and remained there until the spring of 1853, when he came to Ohio and engaged in the mercantile business. In the spring of 1854 he went to Iowa City, Iowa, and in the autumn of the same year removed to Fairfield, Jefferson county, where he opened on the north side of the public square the first clothing store in Fairfield, the business being under the firm name of Simon Krause & Company. In the spring of 1855 he, together with an



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elder brother, Julius Wilhermsdorfer, bought out Krause & Company and started a store under the firm name of J. & S. Wilhermsdorfer, establishing what was known as the Railroad Clothing Store. They remained there until the fall of 1857, when they removed their stock of goods to Brunswick county, Missouri, and one year later sold out the business and returned to Fairfield, where Solomon Wilhermsdorfer entered into the nursery business just south of Fairfield, in partnership with Attorney Slagle, but one year later sold his interests and repaired to Monmouth, Illinois. There he was engaged in the dry-goods and clothing business for six years, after which he moved to Young America, Illinois, now known under the name of Kirkwood, and continued in the same line of work. Subsequently he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and traveled for a time for a nursery house. In 1878 he returned to Jefferson county, Iowa, and purchased his present farm, on section 35, Polk township, on which he lived until his death, February 2, 1910. He died suddenly on account of heart trouble. His widow continues to live on the farm, renting out a part of the land and with hired help oversees the remainder.

On the 20th of July, 1858, Mr. Wilhermsdorfer wedded Miss Mary Martha Kness, a daughter of George and Lydia (Strawser) Kness, the father a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Ohio, but both of German descent. They moved to Sangamon county, Illinois, at an early date and in February, 1844, came to Jefferson county, Iowa, and settled on a claim in Polk township, where they lived until the death of the father, May 20, 1871. In their family were thirteen children, twelve of whom reached maturity, but now only Mrs. Mary M. Wilhermsdorfer and one brother, Daniel Kness, of Cozad, Dawson county, Nebraska, survive. The latter was a watchmaker by trade in Illinois but came to Nebraska in 1882 and began farming. He was married in Illinois to a Miss Savage and they have two children living, Dolly and Edna May. Another brother, Noah V. Kness, served in the Civil war and was killed in the battle of Tallahassee, Tennessee. Another brother, who was a soldier and enlisted in service for five years, was mustered out in the Mexican war but was never heard from afterwards. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilhermsdorfer were born the following children: Ralph H., who is a jeweler in Seattle, Washington, married Maggie Brown, of Ottumwa, Iowa. Fannie May, who died in 1896, was the wife of Judge Oliver, of Onawa, Iowa, who is now judge of Monona county, and they had four children: Marcus, who will graduate from Rush Medical College in the spring of 1912; Ralph, who is a lawyer in Sioux City, Iowa; Marjorie, an instructor in languages, of the same place; and Frank, who is still attending high school. Justin H., who is now postmaster at Harrison, Nebraska, is married to Miss Zua Bowman, of Ioka, Iowa, and they have one child,

Maritz. Dollie Zeta wedded G. B. Baker, a well known music dealer of Ottumwa and Fairfield, and they have four children, Demonta, Mary, Marthanna and Ruth Esther.

Mr. Wilhermsdorfer was a democrat in politics and always took an active interest in the welfare of the community, and for several years he served as supervisor of Jefferson county. He gave much time to the cause of education and for over thirty years he was a director in the home school district, and for the greater part of that time he was also secretary and treasurer of the school board. Fraternally he was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Monmouth, Illinois, and his widow is a member of the Rebekah Lodge. She is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Wherever Mr. Wilhermsdorfer was known he was greatly admired and his life stands as a splendid example for those who wish to make themselves strong and useful citizens of the community.

JOHN E. AND AMANDA A. ERICKSON.

John E. and Amanda A. Erickson, who own one of the attractive homes of Lockridge township, were both born in Sweden, the former on the 4th of January, 1854, and the latter on February 24, 1860. They are the children of Charles M. and Christina (Eckland) Erickson, natives of Sweden, where the father was engaged in farming. In 1869 the family emigrated to the United States, locating in Burlington, Des Moines county, Iowa, where Mr. Erickson engaged in carpentry work for about five years. In 1874 they came to Jefferson county, settling in Lockridge township where the father purchased sixty acres of unimproved land. In the cultivation of this property he met with such excellent success that he was later able to purchase an adjoining tract of seventy-two acres, making the aggregate of his holdings one hundred and thirty-two acres. Here the parents continued to reside until their death, the mother passing away on November 19th, 1892, and the father on the 29th of June, 1898.

The childhood and early youth of John E. and Amanda A. Erickson were spent in their native land, where they also obtained the major portion of their education, the course therein pursued being supplemented by further study in the public schools of Des Moines and Jefferson counties. They remained at home with their parents until their death, after which the farm came into their possession. Their habits of thrift and capable management enabled them to acquire the means to warrant their retirement from active life in 1909, so they sold one hundred and twenty-five acres of their land, and upon the remaining seven erected a fine, modern

residence, barn and other outbuildings. Neither of them having married they have made their home together since the death of the parents.

They both affiliate with the Lutheran church and in matters politic Mr. Erickson votes with the republican party. Both are widely and favorably known in the community where they have resided for the past thirty-seven years, and number among its citizens many loyal friends.

THORNTON FORDYCE.

Thornton Fordyce, the owner and operator of a farm of one hundred and thirty acres in Des Moines township, Jefferson county, is a member of a family distinguished during four generations for their noble public service in the nation, the state, and the local communities in which they have lived. His grandfather, Jairus Fordyce, was the son of a Revolutionary war hero, and was born in Pennsylvania, moving westward in his youth. He enlisted in the army and served under Harrison when that general defeated the Indians led by Tecumseh at the battle of Tippecanoe in 1811. He chose for a helpmate Susan Girard, a native of Ohio, and in 1815 settled in the territory of Illinois farming there for several years. In 1837 he moved farther west making his home in Lee county, Iowa, and two years later went to Van Buren county, in this state, where he lived until his death in 1840. His wife survived him fifteen years passing away in 1855.

Proudest of all in the family annals is the name of the father of Thornton Fordyce, Lewis Fordyce, whose long life has been spent in the faithful performance of his duties as a citizen of the commonwealth and as a preacher of the divine word, bringing the gospel to the hearts of hundreds of people in many widely scattered communities, to people forced by circumstances to be as isolated in their spiritual lives as in their physical environment. He was born in Wabash county, Illinois, in 1820. In 1839 he came to Iowa making his home with his parents in Van Buren county. Six years later he removed to Lee county, Iowa, and the following year, in 1846, was married to Miss Mary A. Newby, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Gabriel and Rebecca (Harvey) Newby, both of whom were born in North Carolina and who became residents of Lee county, Iowa, where they lived until their death.

After his marriage Lewis Fordyce settled on a farm in Lee county, Iowa, and three years later removed to Van Buren county residing there until 1873. He then came to Des Moines township and has lived here ever since, now making his home with his son Lew, who is operating the

old homestead farm. Throughout his long life Lewis Fordyce, Sr., has unselfishly given of his services wherever he felt that he could aid in the moral and social advancement of the people. For thirty-five years he preached in the Christian church, extending his work through southeastern Iowa and into Missouri. He was president of the Iowa State Association of the Christian Church for thirty-three years until age made it impossible for him to continue in the discharge of the many duties and responsibilities appertaining to the office. In his public service he likewise made a notable record for himself. He was elected to the fourth general assembly representing Van Buren county and as a member of the twentieth general assembly aided in passing the original prohibition law. While a member of the Iowa law-making body he was faithful in looking after the interests of his constituents as well as in his service for the welfare of the state as a whole. He was an influential republican and one of the organizers of that party in Van Buren county. While residing in the last-named county he also served as township clerk in Union township. When living in Lee county he was an important factor in the organization of the school system. Mr. Fordyce is now ninety-one years' old and his wife is eighty-seven. He has always been a public-spirited man keeping his enthusiasm on the side of justice and truth.

Thornton Fordyce was born February 23, 1856, near Winchester, Van Buren county, Iowa. He attended school in his native locality and when twenty-one years of age began farming for himself. In 1881 he bought his present farm of eighty acres on section 11, Des Moines township, in this county, adding to it by later purchases until now he owns one hundred and thirty acres of valuable farmland. He devotes himself to general farming and raising cattle meeting with much success in his work.

In 1881 Thornton Fordyce was married to Miss Rebecca J. Stewart, the ceremony being performed on the 8th of March. She was a daughter of Eleazar and Rebecca (Armstrong) Stewart. Her father was a farmer born in Miami county, Ohio, and her mother, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, was born in Steubenville, Ohio. In this town they were married January 10, 1855. They settled in Illinois and in 1861 came to Iowa establishing their home four and a half miles northwest of Libertyville in Jefferson county. They lived there forty years on a farm then retired and removed to Libertyville where Mr. Stewart died May 12, 1903. Mrs. Stewart died in 1905 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Gonterman, living in Des Moines township. They were the parents of five children. Mary H. is the widow of J. L. Gonterman and lives in Des Moines township. Anna M. is the wife of J. E. Hockman, a farmer near Grinnel, Iowa. Sarah E. is dead. Rebecca J., the wife of Thornton Fordyce, lives in Des Moines township. And the youngest, Ella, is dead.

Thornton Fordyce was one of eight children: Dr. Winfield Fordyce of Fairfield, Iowa; Eugene, the marshal of the town of Ventura, California; Harry, a fruit-raiser in the Ojai valley in California; Harvey, deceased; Carl and Oscar, formerly a physician of Guthrie Center, Iowa, deceased, and Lew, living on the old home place in Des Moines township.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Fordyce. Oren S., married August 31, 1910 to Miss Meta B. Laughlin, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Laughlin, is living on a farm adjoining his father's, and they are the parents of one child, Merwin C., aged three months. Bertha B. was married November 7, 1906, to L. D. May, a druggist in Kansas City, Kansas.

In his political views Mr. Thornton Fordyce is a "stand pat" republican. For a period of ten years he was school director at various times in district No. 6 of Des Moines township. He and the other members of his family belong to the Presbyterian church of Libertyville, Iowa. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias of Libertyville and of the Libertyville Camp of Modern Woodmen of America. Thornton Fordyce is a man of equable temperament, content with the path of life in which the choice of his career directed his steps. He is a true son of his father, possessing the same generous spirit and the same large-souled outlook on life.

C. E. WARD.

That C. E. Ward deserves to be numbered among the prominent and representative citizens of Fairfield is due to the fact that he contributes to material progress through the successful conduct of a lumber business, to general improvement as a public-spirited citizen and a member of the city council, and to the moral development through his untiring zeal in behalf of the Methodist church, of which he is a local minister. Conscientious in all that he does and holding to high principles, his work in the world is of genuine worth. He was born in Waverly, Illinois, May 20, 1861, a son of J. D. and Mary E. (Barnes) Ward. The father served for three years as a soldier of the One Hundred and First Illinois Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war and after the cessation of hostilities removed to Missouri and subsequently to Lineville, Iowa, where he died when his son C. E. Ward was but twelve years of age. Mrs. Ward also spent her last days in Lineville but death came to her when she was in Chicago.

C. E. Ward was at that time nineteen years of age. He was reared in Lineville and Allerton, Iowa, careful home training developing in him an

admiration for high principles which he has inculcated in his life, while the public-school system promoted his intellectual training. While a resident of Allerton he was married and since that time has resided for various periods in Des Moines, Omaha and Fairfield, coming to the last named city in 1893. His first employment after entering business circles was at the printer's trade, which he followed in Princeton, Missouri, and at Allerton, Iowa, spending six months in newspaper offices. He had to abandon that business, however, on account of his health and in order to enjoy the benefits of outdoor life he took up the building business and in time became a contractor and builder, entering the business circles of Fairfield in that way. In the different cities in which he has lived he has done considerable important work in connection with building operations but about thirteen years ago withdrew from that field of activity and established the lumberyard, of which he is now proprietor. In its conduct he has met with success, owing to his reasonable prices and his fair and honest dealing.

Business interests, however, by no means comprise the extent of his activities, for he has ever been alive to personal obligations and duties and has been a helpful factor in the work of public progress. He is now serving for the second term as a member of the city council of Fairfield, to which he was elected on the republican ticket, and for one year he served as chairman of the Mayors' and Councilmen's Association of the state of Iowa, having been elected at the annual meeting of the League of Iowa Municipalities at Fort Dodge in 1909. He likewise served for one year on the sewerage and sanitation committee of the state, representing Fairfield in the sessions of that body held at Fort Dodge and Waterloo, and acting as chairman of the water and light committee. He has long been closely associated with the membership and with the active work of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a local preacher and now as a regular pastor at Hillsboro.

In 1881 Mr. Ward was married to Miss Razilla J. Bates, who was born in Salina, this county, in 1864, a daughter of Jackson Bates. Their children are seven in number: Coy, the wife of N. M. Warnick, of Wapello, Iowa; Raye, wife of the Rev. J. H. Koch, of Lovilla, Iowa; C. E. J., district agent for the Central Life Insurance Company of Des Moines, lives in a home of his own at Fairfield; Harry L., was in the navy and went around the world with the Atlantic fleet; Frank D., Frederick I. and John W., all yet at home. Frank D. and Frederick I. are attending Parsons College and John W. is in high school. Mr. Ward has fraternal relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Masons. He has at all times manifested a progressive spirit. He has never, as some ministers do, regarded life as most men know it, as a thing apart from him; on the contrary he has felt it his duty to be a factor in the life of

the community, working for the best interests of the many, and his labors have been attended with excellent results and have won for him the appreciation and regard of his fellowmen.

HENRY E. DANIELSON.

Henry E. Danielson devotes his energies to the cultivation of a highly improved farm of sixty acres that he owns adjoining Lockridge. He is a native of Jefferson county, having been born in the township where he now resides on November 18, 1878, a son of Albert and Lottie (Falk) Danielson, natives of Sweden. The father emigrated to the United States in 1869, locating in this county where he worked as a farm hand and laborer on the railroad for several years. An energetic man of thrifty habits, he carefully saved a portion of each month's wages until he had acquired the means to buy a farm, then invested his capital in eighty acres of land in Lockridge township. He diligently applied himself to clearing and improving his property in the cultivation of which he met with such success that he was later able to extend his holdings by the addition of another eighty acres. The operation of his homestead thereafter engaged his attention until his demise, October 18, 1901, at the age of sixty-five years. The mother, who is now sixty-five, continues to make her home in this township.

The boyhood and youth of Henry E. Danielson were passed on his father's place in Lockridge township, his education being obtained in the district schools of the vicinity. He remained with his parents until he had attained his majority, devoting his energies to assisting his father with the farm work. For two years after leaving home he worked as a farm hand, when he engaged with his brother in cooperative farming until 1901. This undertaking proved to be so lucrative that they bought the old homestead, of which each took eighty acres. Mr. Danielson operated his share until 1906, when he sold and removed to Lockridge, where he became associated with Louis J. Graf in purchasing the general mercantile business of C. J. Overstrom. After spending three years in commercial activities Mr. Danielson decided to return to farming, so disposing of his share in the business he purchased sixty acres of improved land, that he has ever since been operating. He takes much pride in his place, which is well kept up and given the careful supervision that insures abundant crops of a superior quality, and as a result his efforts are being most substantially rewarded.

On the 2d of September, 1903, Mr. Danielson was united in marriage to Miss Rose Rivey, a daughter of Peter and Amelia (Droz) Rivey. The parents emigrated to this country from France, locating in Jefferson county during the early days. They bought forty acres of land in Round Prairie township, that they cleared and cultivated, and there they reared their twelve children. They were industrious and thrifty and added to their holdings at divers times as their resources permitted until they had acquired one hundred acres, upon which they still reside. Three children have been born to the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Danielson: Lucille V., who is seven years of age; Gladys A., who is five; and Earl K., a lad of three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Danielson affiliate with the Baptist church, and fraternally he is a member of the Woodmen of the World. He is a republican in politics and at the present time is serving in the capacity of township clerk and secretary of the school board. Mr. Danielson belongs to that type of citizens whose efforts are directed not only toward the development of his personal interests but those of the community at large, and to this end he uses his influence in promoting every progressive movement.

WILLIAM C. BALL.

Iowa offers excellent opportunities to the agriculturist and the man who owns a tract of Jefferson county's rich land has an excellent opportunity to win success if he will but closely apply himself to the task of cultivating the fields and caring for the harvests. This William C. Ball has done and now is living retired in Fairfield, in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former labor, his rest being well earned and well merited. He was born in Brooke county, Virginia, his natal day being March 27, 1846. His parents were Joseph and Margaret (Lengfitt) Ball, who were married in the Old Dominion, which was the native state of the father, whose birth occurred in Loudoun county, in 1803. His wife was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, in 1808, and in March, 1854, they came to Iowa, making their way direct to Jefferson county, where they continued their residence until their death, both passing away in 1875. In his younger days Joseph Ball followed carpentering and afterward engaged in trading on the river, shipping products from Virginia to New Orleans. Subsequently he was identified with farming, which claimed his attention during the period of his residence in Jefferson county. He owned four hundred acres of land five miles west of Fairfield and the care and labor bestowed upon his fields made this a valuable property. Opposed to the

system of slavery, he became a staunch abolitionist and when the republican party was formed to prevent the further extension of the slave system into the north, he joined its ranks. His fellow townsmen, appreciating his worth as a citizen, elected him their representative to the state legislature for one term. Both he and his wife were faithful members of the Christian church and he also belonged to the Masonic fraternity. Their family numbered nine children. Sarah became the wife of J. B. Freeman but both are now deceased. Martha is the widow of A. D. Burns and resides in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Hannah is the deceased wife of Solomon F. Stever. Cynthia is the wife of A. R. Burns, a resident of Wapello county. Anna H., who married Dr. C. D. Lewis, of Ottumwa, has passed away. John F., who joined Company D of the Nineteenth Iowa Infantry during the Civil war, was killed in the battle of Prairie Grove. William C. is the seventh of the family. Hon. George W. Ball is a resident of Fairfield, and Mary, the youngest of the family, became the wife of Dr. G. A. Spielman, of Ottumwa, but is now deceased.

William C. Ball spent the first eight years of his life in the state of his nativity and then came with his parents to Jefferson county, residing upon the old home farm until 1864, when, at the age of eighteen years, he enlisted for active service in Company I, Forty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He served for one hundred days, or until the close of the war and gave ample proof in his service of his valor and loyalty. He afterward attended the law school of the Iowa State University, from which he was graduated in 1869, and the same year was admitted to the bar. He then practiced his profession for two years in Des Moines, but on the expiration of that period returned to the home farm and in addition to the cultivation of the crops best adapted to the soil and climate, he engaged in dealing in live stock, both branches of his business proving profitable. He closely studied the best methods of tilling his fields and kept on hand good grades of horses, cattle and hogs. That his methods were at once practical and progressive is indicated in the excellent results which followed his work. At length he regarded his capital as sufficient to enable him to put aside further business cares and leave the farm, when he took up his abode in Fairfield.

Mr. Ball was married in 1872 to Miss Mary C. Campbell, who was born in Highland county, Ohio, July 10, 1850, but has been a resident of this county since 1856, in which year her parents, John J. and Elizabeth (Templeton) Campbell, brought their family to Iowa. The father, who was a native of Baltimore, Maryland, died in this county in 1870, at the age of fifty-six years. The mother, a native of Highland county, Ohio, who is now living in California, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years, retains all her faculties unimpaired. Mr. and Mrs. Ball became the parents of

two children but the son, who was the younger and to whom they gave the name of Frank, died in 1889, at the age of twelve years. The daughter, Cora A., is a vocal teacher, now connected with the public schools of Fairfield.

Mr. Ball votes with the republican party, his study of the questions and issues of the day leading him to the belief that its purposes are best calculated to promote good government. He holds membership with the Christian church and his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church. They have a circle of friends in Jefferson county almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance. They have both spent the greater part of their lives here and Mr. Ball has been a witness of almost the entire growth and development of the county, having seen its wild prairie lands converted into good farms, its primitive dwellings replaced by substantial modern residences and its primitive business interests supplanted by large and important commercial and industrial enterprises. He relates many interesting incidents of the early days and is authority upon many points of the history of Jefferson county.

GEORGE PERRY CONLEE.

George Perry Conlee, who passed away on his farm on section 33, Cedar township, on the 17th of August, 1911, came to Jefferson county in 1882 and devoted about two decades to general agricultural pursuits here. He was the second white child born in Burlington, Iowa, his birth occurring on the 3d of June, 1840, when that city boasted only two houses. His parents were Reuben and Nancy (Doyle) Conlee, both of Scotch-Irish descent. They owned and lived near the famous Mammoth Cave in Kentucky. In 1839 they came to Iowa, locating in Burlington, while subsequently they purchased a section of land near Sand Prairie, west of Fort Madison, where Reuben Conlee followed farming. He was one of the first representatives in the state legislature from Lee county, Iowa—Mr. Bullard being the other—and died suddenly while attending a session of the general assembly at Iowa City. This was in 1847. The demise of his wife occurred nine years later, on the farm near Fort Madison, Iowa. The only surviving member of the family, which numbered thirteen children, is James Conlee, a resident of Oregon.

George P. Conlee attended the district school in Jefferson township, Lee county, Iowa, and after the death of his parents remained at home until the outbreak of the Civil war. In 1861, at Keokuk, Iowa, he joined Company A, Thirteenth Iowa United States Regular Infantry, remaining

with that command for three years. He went with Sherman on his march to the sea and participated in the following battles: Birds Point, Memphis, Jackson, Vicksburg, Clayton, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, Nashville, Cairo, Shiloh, Natchez, Bowling Green and Collierville. He also took part in numerous skirmishes and made a most creditable military record, never faltering in the performance of any task assigned him. When hostilities had ceased he returned home and the same year was married. In 1882 he came to Jefferson county, locating on the farm where his widow and son, Charles C., now reside. In 1901 he retired from the active work of the fields, spending the remainder of his life in well earned rest. He became ill in August, 1910, and on the 17th of August, 1911, passed away.

Mr. Conlee was twice married. In 1865 he wedded Miss Jane Masterson, of Van Buren county, Iowa, who died in 1866 and by whom he had one child, who passed away in infancy. On the 25th of November, 1873, Mr. Conlee was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary A. Graves, who was born in Ohio, on the 20th of May, 1849. Her parents were Aaron and Sarah (Harvey) Graves, the former a native of Jackson county, Ohio, and the latter of Frederick county, Virginia. They were married in Ohio in 1844, and came west in 1856, locating at Hillsboro, Henry county, Iowa, where Mr. Graves maintained his residence while he farmed in the vicinity. In March, 1871, he passed away on his farm about two miles north of Hillsboro. His widow afterward sold the place and took up her abode in Hillsboro, where she purchased property and is now living at the ripe old age of ninety years. To them were born nine children, six of whom still survive, as follows: Jacob, a blacksmith living in Oregon; Mrs. Conlee; Frances, who is the wife of Charles A. Stevens, the postmaster at Salem, Iowa; Robert, a banker of Hillsboro, Iowa; Carlton, who follows blacksmithing in the city of Oklahoma, Oklahoma; and Naomi, the wife of Jerry Moxley, a farmer of Hillsboro, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. George P. Conlee were the parents of six children. Fred T., a bridge carpenter on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, lives at Mount Pleasant, Iowa and wedded Miss Maude Snyder, of Birmingham, Iowa, having one child, Otelia. Jessie M. is the wife of A. W. Davis, a bridge carpenter on the Rock Island Railroad at Fairfield and they have five children: George, who died at the age of two years and Charles, Daisy, Ada and Clair. George P. is master mechanic of the Pekin branch of the Santa Fe Railroad and resides at Pekin, Illinois. He married Miss Florella Palmer, of Fort Madison, Iowa, by whom he has three children: Ruth, Ethel and Beulah. Lillian, the next in order of birth, died when but eight weeks old. Mary is the wife of Sylvester Keller, a farmer of Cedar township, this county, by whom she has two children,

George and Clarence. Charles C., who lives with his mother, operates the home farm of one hundred and five acres.

In politics Mr. Conlee was a staunch democrat and held the office of school director for ten years. He also served as justice of the peace for two terms and for several terms acted as constable. Fraternally he was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to the lodge at Montrose, Iowa. Prior to the Civil war he was a member of the Missionary Baptist church. His widow is a devoted and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. She is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community, her many commendable traits of character having endeared her to all with whom she has come in contact.

LEWIS H. KIGER.

Lewis H. Kiger, a progressive and enterprising agriculturist of Round Prairie township, operates his father's farm of one hundred and seventy acres near Glasgow. His birth occurred in Ohio on the 30th of September, 1867, his parents being Moses and Eliza (Hunter) Kiger, who are likewise natives of the Buckeye state. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, operated a farm near Springfield, Ohio, until 1882, when he came to Jefferson county, Iowa, and for nine years cultivated a rented tract of land in Round Prairie township. On the expiration of that period he abandoned farming and took up his abode in Glasgow, where he made his home for one year. Subsequently he spent two years in Fairfield and then accepted the position of manager or overseer of the County Home, in which capacity he has ably served for the past fifteen years. In 1908 he purchased the farm of one hundred and seventy acres near Glasgow which our subject is now operating. The period of his residence in this county covers almost three decades and he is well known and highly esteemed within its borders.

Lewis H. Kiger obtained his education in the schools of his native state and was a youth of sixteen years when he came to Iowa with his parents, remaining at home until twenty-one years of age, when he was married and started out as an agriculturist on his own account. He devoted his time and energies to the operation of a rented farm in Round Prairie township until 1908 and then took up his abode on his father's farm in the same township, having since been engaged in its cultivation. In the conduct of his agricultural interests he has met with excellent results, the fields annually yielding golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

In March, 1889, Mr. Kiger was united in marriage to Miss Bertha McElwee, a daughter of William and Mary (Cochran) McElwee, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Iowa respectively. The father came to Iowa in an early day, locating in Henry county, where he followed photography for some time. Subsequently he farmed for several years in Round Prairie township, Jefferson county, and next removed to Clarke county, where he remained for some time. After returning to this county he purchased a farm and was successfully engaged in its operation until called to his final rest on the 12th of March, 1891. His wife passed away on the 10th of March, 1892. William McElwee served throughout the entire period of the Civil war as a member of Company F, Ninety-first Pennsylvania Infantry. Mr. and Mrs. Kiger have three sons, namely: Harry W., a young man of twenty-one; Guy C., who is twenty years old; and William Glenn, a youth aged sixteen.

At the polls Mr. Kiger casts his ballot for the men and measures of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. He has served as school director of Round Prairie township and the cause of education has ever found in him a stanch friend. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church, which his wife and children also attend. Mr. and Mrs. Kiger are highly esteemed throughout this locality as people of genuine personal worth and sterling traits of character, having gained the confidence and regard of all with whom they have come in contact.

JOHN WILLS McLEAN.

John Wills McLean was for many years closely associated with farming interests in this county but since 1883 has lived retired, save for his service in connection with public office. He has now passed the age of seventy-seven years and his record is that of a useful life well spent. He was born in Chillicothe, Ross county, Ohio, February 6, 1834, his parents being Daniel and Elizabeth (Long) McLean, both of whom were natives of Nova Scotia. The mother came to Ohio with her parents in her girlhood days and Mr. McLean became a resident of that state in young manhood, or about 1812. They were married there and continued residents of Ohio until 1837, when they made their way westward and settled on the Black Hawk purchase before the territory of Iowa was organized. It was on the 1st of March, 1838, that they crossed the Mississippi and for five years remained residents of Lee county, coming thence to Jefferson county in 1843. Here they located on a farm three-quar-

ters of a mile west of the Rock Island depot and lived there until death called them. The father entered three hundred and twenty acres of land from the government. There was a small frame house upon the land and about sixty acres broke and fenced when it came into his possession but with unfaltering energy and firm purpose he began to break the sod and till the fields which in course of time brought forth abundant harvests. He died November 4, 1864, at the age of seventy-five years, one month and eleven days, and his wife's death occurred April 21, 1871, when she had reached the age of seventy-seven years, one month and fourteen days. They were parents of three sons: William L., now deceased; John Wills; and Daniel Frazier, who was born in Lee county in June, 1838, and now resides on the old homestead farm in this county.

John W. McLean was only four years old when the family came to Iowa and from the age of nine years has lived in Jefferson county. With the family he shared in all of the experiences and hardships of pioneer life, aiding in the arduous task of developing new land and converting the unbroken prairie into cultivable fields. His youth was indeed a period of earnest and unremitting toil. He continued with his parents until they were called to their final rest, after which he and his brother divided the place, John W. McLean remaining upon his half of the farm until 1883, when with a comfortable competence gained through his labors he removed to Fairfield where he now lives retired. He has since sold his farm.

The only interruption that came to Mr. McLean's labor as an agriculturist was in May, 1864, when he enlisted for service as a member of Company I, Forty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, for one hundred days, being mustered out in the following October. It was after his return from war—in 1867—that he wedded Miss Mary Adelaide Worthington, who was born in Iowa City in June, 1845, and died November 7, 1880. She was a daughter of the Rev. David Worthington, a Methodist Episcopal clergyman and a pioneer of the state of Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. McLean became parents of two children: Elizabeth, who was born September 24, 1868, and resides with her father; and Thomas E., who was born July 28, 1873, and is a jeweler in Fairfield.

Mr. McLean gives his political allegiance to the republican party which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He cast his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont and several times filled local office, serving as assessor of Center township for thirteen years and for a number of years as overseer of the poor, which position he is filling at this time. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Methodist Episcopal church and belongs to the Old Settlers Association of Jefferson county of which he served as secretary for twenty years. His long continuance in that position is indisputable proof

of the high regard entertained for him by his fellow townsmen who, appreciative of his worth, honored him with election. He has always been a man of genial disposition, kindly, courteous and approachable, and his social qualities have won for him the friendship of all who know him.

CHARLES A. ANDERSON.

Charles A. Anderson, who was the popular host of the Q Hotel at Fairfield, was born in Sweden, January 7, 1862, his parents being A. Peter and Elizabeth (Anderson) Anderson, who were likewise natives of Sweden, in which country the father carried on farming until 1868. He then sailed with his family for the new world, making his way into the interior of the country. He settled in Round Prairie township, this county, where he invested his savings in a tract of land. It was totally unimproved at that time but he cleared and developed it and converted it into a valuable farm which he cultivated throughout his remaining days. He died in June, 1893, while his wife survived him for about fifteen years, passing away July 6, 1908.

Charles A. Anderson was reared and educated in Round Prairie township, being but six years of age when the family came to this county. He attended the district schools and also worked in the fields as his age and strength permitted. When a youth of sixteen years he started out in life on his own account and worked as a farm hand, being thus employed until 1899, when, desiring that his labors should more directly benefit himself, he rented a farm which he cultivated until 1901. In that year he removed to Fairfield and for some time was in the employ of the Loudon Manufacturing Company. At length he sold his home and went to Burlington, Iowa, but remained there for only a brief period, returning to Fairfield. Here Mr. Anderson purchased the Q Hotel, near the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad depot, and continued in the hotel business until his death. He was thus engaged in business when, on the 19th of May, 1908, his life's labors were ended in death.

On the 27th of October, 1887, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Cora B. Archibald, a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Paxton) Archibald. They had two children: Elizabeth Pearl, twenty-three years of age, who is the wife of Ray Augstead, of Fairfield; and Otto, aged seventeen, now living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson also reared an adopted daughter, Goldie May, now ten years of age.

Mr. Anderson belonged to Fairfield Lodge No. 4, I. O. O. F., and also to the Rebekah degree. His political support was given to the democratic party and his religious faith was that of the Methodist church. He was always loyal to the principles which he professed and his name came to be a synonym for reliability as well as activity in business. His manner was genial, his cordiality unfeigned, and he won many friends. His widow since his death has purchased ground and erected an attractive residence at No. 202 South H street where she resides.

LEWIS H. LONG.

Lewis H. Long is engaged in general farming in Walnut township where he owns one hundred and fifty-six acres of arable land. He was born in Buchanan township, Jefferson county, in December, 1848, and in the intervening period of sixty-three years has been an interested witness to the growth and changes which have taken this county out of the ranks of pioneer settlements and placed it with the leading counties of this great commonwealth. His parents were John and Barbara E. (Courtney) Long, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Virginia. It was in the year 1844 that the father came to Jefferson county, Iowa, living with his parents in Buchanan township until he had attained his majority, when he began farming on his own account. Finally he purchased a tract of land in Walnut township and undertook the task of clearing and improving this, converting one hundred and twenty acres into a richly cultivated tract. For a long time he operated that farm, after which he sold the property and removed to Wayne county, Iowa, there residing until his death, which occurred in 1899. His wife passed away about five years before, dying in 1894.

Under the parental roof Lewis H. Long spent his boyhood days and in the district schools acquired his education, while the summer months were devoted to the work of the fields. He was trained to habits of diligence and determination and continued with his parents until he reached adult age, when he started out in life on his own account, feeling that his experience was sufficient to enable him to obtain success. He rented a farm and continued its cultivation for nine years, after which he used his savings in the purchase of eighty acres in Walnut township. He then resolutely set himself to the task of improving the place to which he has since added by purchase until he now has one hundred and fifty-six acres of finely improved land, constituting one of the valuable farms of this part of the state. He raises the cereals best adapted to soil and climate



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and the plowing and planting at springtime give promise of abundant harvests in the late autumn. His success is attributable entirely to his own labors and not only has he established himself in a creditable position in agricultural circles but is also well known as a stockholder in the East Pleasant Plain Bank and in the North Lockridge Telephone Company.

In January, 1872, Mr. Long was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Hawk, a daughter of William and Frances (McClure) Hawk, of whom mention is made in connection with the sketch of her brother, Thomas M. Hawk, on another page of this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Long have become the parents of two sons and one daughter, Lora A., William Ross and Thirza S. The son is now following farming in Lucas county, Iowa. Mr. Long has served as school director but has never been active as an office seeker, other interests fully claiming his time and energies. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, his religious faith is that of the Church of God and his fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Salina. His has been a busy and useful life and yet he has never sought to figure prominently in public affairs. Year after year he has carefully done his work and performed his duties and because of his trustworthiness and fidelity he is accorded the friendship and esteem of those with whom he has come in contact. Moreover he deserves representation in this volume as one of the pioneer settlers. Few of the native sons of Jefferson county have lived for sixty-three years within its borders and in that period he has witnessed many notable changes, including the building of the railroads, the introduction of telegraph and telephone and the establishment of many important business enterprises which have done much to place the county on a plane of prosperity. He ever rejoices in the onward movement and feels that the county has every right to rank with the leading districts of the state.

GEORGE K. DAVIS.

George K. Davis, a retired farmer of Lockridge, Jefferson county, was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, on October 6, 1847, and is a son of George K. and Barbara (Kreglow) Davis. The parents were natives of Martinsburg, Berkley county, Virginia, where the father engaged in tailoring. During the pioneer days they came to Des Moines county, locating in Burlington, where for some years he was in the retail meat business. Later he changed to farming, a venture which did not turn out over-successfully and soon thereafter joined a party of gold seekers bound for California. They drove across the prairie with an ox team, lured on, despite

dangers and hardships, by the wonderful tales they heard of the country and its opportunities. He remained in California for ten years, at the end of which time he returned to Des Moines county, where he made a short stop, before he went to Davis county, Iowa. He continued to reside there the remainder of his life, passing away in 1896. The mother early came to Jefferson county and purchased a farm in Round Prairie township. During her latter years, however, she resided with her son James B., in whose home she passed away in 1903, at the age of seventy-six years. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Davis, six sons and two daughters.

George K. Davis was reared in the county of his birth, whose district schools he attended until he had mastered the common branches. He remained at home with his mother on the farm until he was twenty-four years of age when he was married and began for himself. For three years thereafter he farmed as a renter, with such lucrative results that at the expiration of that time he had sufficient means to enable him to become a property owner and he came to Jefferson county and purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Round Prairie township. Eighty acres of this tract was still in timber and at the end of the first year of his residence he had cleared it and placed it under cultivation. Upon locating there he erected a log cabin twelve by fifteen feet to which he later made an addition and this building continued to be the residence of himself and his family for twelve years. At that time he built a comfortable eight-room frame house, and later added to his holdings another twenty acres of land, making the aggregate of his acreage one hundred and forty. The operation of this place continued to engage his attention until 1907 when he sold out and moved to Missouri. There he bought a small tract near Memphis upon which he lived not quite a year, when he returned to Jefferson county, purchasing his residence in Lockridge, where he has ever since lived in retirement. He has three lots here upon which he has erected a fine house, and now owns one of the attractive properties of the town.

In 1871 Mr. Davis was married to Miss Ellen Veach, who passed away in 1880. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parnell (Murphy) Veach, natives of Delaware. They came to Iowa in the early days, settling in Des Moines county, where for many years the father was engaged in farming. There the mother died in 1850, but Mr. Veach was living with a daughter in Iowa county at the time of his death in 1883. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Davis: William, John F., and George, all of whom are agriculturists of Missouri; and Lewis E., who is a butcher of Memphis, Missouri. In 1881 Mr. Davis was again married, his choice on this occasion being Miss Rachel Murphy, a daughter of Levi and Sarah (Bowers) Murphy, the father a native of Ohio and the mother of In-

diana. They moved to Illinois, during the early years of their life, locating in Fulton county. There the father when old enough began his career as a farmer, later going to Jefferson county, Iowa, where he purchased an improved farm in Round Prairie township. He operated this until his death in July, 1903. The mother had passed away ten years previously, her demise occurring on the 29th of February, 1893. Of Mr. Davis's second union five children have been born: Mary B., the wife of Will Stiver, a farmer of Missouri; Ella May, who died on April 7, 1901, at the age of eighteen years; Della E., the wife of Lee Coger, a farmer of Lockridge township; Bertha, who married Elmer Sharpe, of Fairfield; and Arthur M., who is living in Lockridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis both affiliate with the Baptist church, while he gives his political support to the republican party. He has always taken an active interest in all municipal affairs, and has served as school director and while living in Round Prairie township acted as road supervisor for eighteen years. His residence in this county has covered a period of forty-seven years during which time he has noted the many changes and rapid advancement that has been made during the progress and development of a higher order of civilization. Mr. Davis is well and favorably known in the county, among whose citizens he numbers many friends.

LUTHER P. EMMONS.

Luther P. Emmons, who is living retired upon his farm, has been a resident of Des Moines township for thirty-two years. His birth occurred in Waldo county, Maine, on October 30, 1846, his parents being George and Hannah (Laiten) Emmons. The father, a native of Massachusetts, was of Scotch and French extraction, while the mother, whose birth occurred in Maine, was of English and Irish descent. Agricultural pursuits engaged the attention of the father, who with his family removed to Wisconsin in 1853. He located on a farm in Rock county, and there the mother passed away in 1873, while his death occurred at Magnolia, that county, in 1887. Nine children were born of their marriage: James, a farmer of Guthrie county, Iowa; Nancy E., who married Wesley Smith, a farmer of Canada; Albert Weston, who died in infancy; Recta A., the widow of Martin A. Becker, an engineer who was killed in a gold mine in Utah in 1879; Helen Augusta, who died in infancy, and Henry Augustus, a manufacturer of brooms in Sullivan, Illinois, who were twins; Luther P., our subject; Eliza Josephine, who is deceased; and George, marshal of Ontario, California.

Luther P. Emmons was only a lad of seven years when his people removed to Wisconsin, where he grew to manhood, obtaining his education in the district schools in the vicinity of his home. From his earliest boyhood he was trained in the work of the fields, so when ready to begin his independent career, naturally he turned to the occupation for which he was best adapted. He left the paternal roof at the age of twenty-one years and began working for himself. Three years later he was married and located on a farm in Rock county, where he lived until 1879. In the fall of that year he and his wife removed to Iowa to reside on a tract of one hundred and fifty acres in Jefferson county, that his wife's grandfather, Ira R. Peck of New York, said he would present to her if she would consent to live upon it. During the first two years they rented a place adjacent, during which time they placed their land under cultivation and erected upon it the necessary buildings. The soil proved to be most fertile and productive, so richly rewarding their efforts that they were subsequently able to extend their holdings by the addition of another ninety acres. Here Mr. Emmons engaged in general farming until the condition of his health necessitated his retirement in 1909, since which time he has been renting his land, but he and Mrs. Emmons continue to reside there. Although the pioneer period had passed when they came to Iowa, they endured many hardships and privations, as well as misfortunes and discouragements, through all of which they exhibited the fortitude that characterizes those who make a success of any undertaking.

It was on the 20th of November, 1870, that Mr. Emmons was united in marriage to Miss Augusta C. Peck, a daughter of Heman T. and Helen E. (Root) Peck. The father, who was a farmer and carpenter, was born and reared in Ontario county, New York, but was of English extraction. He removed from the Empire state to Rock county, Wisconsin, in 1867, settling upon a farm. Three years later he went to Chicago to follow the carpenter's trade, but was never again heard from and it is supposed that he was killed in the great fire which occurred in that city in 1871. His wife lived until 1880, her demise occurring at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Scripture, in Jewell county, Kansas. The Pecks were among the early colonial settlers of America. They trace their origin to the English nobility and have a coat-of-arms, a lyre with three Maltese crosses within its borders. The American branch is traced back in an unbroken line to the sixteenth century, their common ancestor being one Joseph Peck, who was christened at Beccles, Suffolk county, England, on the 30th of April, 1587. In 1638, together with his brother, Robert Peck, a noted divine of that period, he took passage on the ship Diligent from Ipswich for America, in order that they might escape religious persecution. The last place of residence of Joseph Peck in England was Norfolk,

but originally they came from Yorkshire and he was a descendant in the twenty-first generation of John Peck, of Belton, that country. A complete genealogy of the family was written by a seventh cousin of Mrs. Emmons, Ira B. Peck of Rhode Island, and published in 1868. One of the members of the family was William B. Peck, whose daughter, Phoebe F., married George W. Washington of Mount Vernon, a grand-nephew of the first president of the United States. She died in 1849. Mrs. Emmons' grandmother in the paternal line was Clarissa Hamlin, a daughter of William Hamlin, who was a near relative of Hanibal Hamlin, first vice president under Abraham Lincoln. Mrs. Emmons has one sister, Ida M., the wife of Eli W. Comingore, a fireman in a large rolling mill, of Shenandoah, Iowa. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Emmons. Arthur Hamlin, superintendent of a sanitarium of Battle Creek, Michigan, married Minnie Morrison, a teacher in the Battle Creek College, and a daughter of John Morrison, a farmer of Des Moines township, and they have one daughter, Violet Oneita, aged thirteen years. Grace Lillian, the eldest daughter and second in order of birth, is at home with her parents. Eli Perry, who is a farmer of Princeton, California, married Clara Copeland, a daughter of William Copeland, a farmer of Des Moines township, this county, and they have two children, Virgil and Fern. Ray Adelbert, the youngest member of the family, is still at home.

Mr. Emmons' political views accord with those of the democratic party, but in local elections he oftentimes votes for other candidates, giving his support to the man rather than the party. He has served as justice of the peace two years, while he held the office of township trustee and director of school district No. 4 for the same period. In matters of faith he is somewhat independent, never having identified himself with any denomination. Mrs. Emmons is a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church of Libertyville, while their daughter, Miss Grace, belongs to Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal church of Des Moines township. Mr. Emmons is one of the highly esteemed citizens of his township, having exhibited in both his public and private life those high standards and upright principles, which invariably win respect.

HENRY C. ALSTON.

The attractiveness of Jefferson county as a place of residence is indicated in the fact that many of her native sons elect to remain within her borders and enjoy the opportunities here offered, feeling that no better advantages in a business way can be obtained elsewhere. Of this class

Henry C. Alston is a representative and that he has made good use of time and opportunity is indicated in the creditable position to which he has attained in the business world. He is now engaged in real-estate operations, is also president of the Fairfield Gas & Electric Light Company and is identified financially with other important industrial and financial interests. He was born near Fairfield, October 31, 1862, a son of William and Martha (Vaughn) Alston. Little is known concerning his maternal ancestry, for his mother died during the infancy of the son Henry. The father, who was born in England, in 1811, came alone to America and settled in Illinois in 1849. For a time he worked in that state and then went to Alexander, Iowa, after which he came to Fairfield about 1843. This district was then largely wild and unimproved and from the government he entered a tract of land about three miles west of the city. The greater part of his life was spent in Fairfield, his time and attention being largely given to the development of a farm a mile and a half from the city and in addition he also conducted a general store for a number of years, continuing actively in that business until about 1875, when he retired from the mercantile field. Later he concentrated his energies upon the real-estate business, dealing extensively in land and negotiating many important property transfers. For a number of years he served as a member of the city council, to which position he was elected on the democratic ticket, having always been a stanch supporter of the party. His death occurred March 9, 1896. Of his family of ten children the following reached years of maturity: William E., living in Fairfield; Mary, the wife of P. C. Barnes, of Los Angeles, California; and Henry C.

The last named has spent his entire life in Jefferson county and after attending the public schools he continued his education in Burlington Business College. He made his initial step in the business world as an employe in the Fairfield Furniture Factory, where he remained four years. Subsequently he was engaged in the dairy business two years and afterward devoted fourteen years to the laundry business, establishing the first steam laundry of the city. That undertaking brought him a substantial measure of prosperity and since his retirement from that field of activity he has been dealing in real estate with good success. He is likewise well known as an orchardist, as the president of the Fairfield Gas & Electric Light Company and as a stockholder in the Iowa Malleable Iron Company and the First National Bank of Fairfield. His interests are thus varied and important but his resourcefulness and energy enable him to meet every condition that arises and to readily and correctly solve the business problems which are always to be met in the conduct of any commercial or industrial undertaking.

In 1884, Mr. Alston was united in marriage to Miss Anna B. Richardson, who was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1865. Both Mr. and Mrs. Alston hold membership in the Presbyterian church and in Fairfield and throughout the county have many warm friends. His political allegiance has been given to the democratic party and his fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias. He is also a member of the Commercial Club and cooperates in its various projects for the business unbuilding and improvement of Fairfield in many ways. He has always lived in Jefferson county and the comrades of his youth have become the friends of his manhood—a fact which is indicative of a well spent, quiet and useful life.

NELS PEARSON.

Nels Pearson was for many years actively and successfully identified with agricultural interests in Jefferson county but lived retired at the time of his demise, which occurred in Lockridge on the 12th of June, 1907. His birth occurred in Sweden on the 1st of January, 1834, his father being Nels Pearson, Sr., who was a farmer by occupation and spent his entire life in that country. He passed away in 1871, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1854.

Nels Pearson was reared and educated in his native land and remained under the parental roof until twenty-three years of age. In 1857, having heard many favorable reports concerning the opportunities and advantages of the new world, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and came direct to Jefferson county, Iowa. Here he first secured employment as a farm hand and later entered the service of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway, assisting in building the same through Lockridge. Subsequently he removed to Illinois and there worked as a farm hand until the time of his enlistment for service in the Union army in 1862, becoming a member of Company K, Eighty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he remained until the close of hostilities. His military record was a most creditable one, for he had never faltered in the performance of any task assigned him. When the country no longer needed his aid he returned to Jefferson county, Iowa, and in 1867 was married and rented a farm of forty acres in Lockridge township, operating the same for five years. On the expiration of that period he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of timber land in Round Prairie township, cleared and improved the property and cultivated the same for thirty-three years. In the conduct of his agricultural interests he won a gratifying measure of

prosperity, gathering rich crops that found a ready sale on the market. In 1905 he sold his farm and took up his abode in Lockridge, where he spent the remainder of his life in honorable retirement, passing away on the 12th of June, 1907. In him the community lost one of its most esteemed and substantial citizens.

On the 6th of January, 1867, Mr. Pearson was united in marriage to Miss Emma C. Larson, who was born in Sweden on the 1st of May, 1848, her parents being Swan and Anna Sophia (Anderson) Larson. They are mentioned at greater length on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Albert Larson, a brother of Mrs. Pearson. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Pearson were born seven children, as follows: Charles Elmer, now forty-four years of age, who resides in California; Esther Ellen, the wife of William Grove, an agriculturist of Van Buren county, Iowa; Nellie Sophia, the wife of Frank Frieberg, who follows farming in Howard county, Iowa; John E., an agriculturist residing at Stockport, Van Buren county, Iowa; Albert B., a fireman living at Galesburg, Illinois; Anna R., who is at home with her mother; and Edna E., who resides at Fairfield, Iowa.

Mr. Pearson gave unfaltering allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith was that of the Lutheran church. He belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic and thus maintained pleasant relations with his old war comrades. His widow, a consistent and devoted member of the Lutheran church, still resides in Lockridge and has a wide and favorable acquaintance here.

REUBEN D. DU BOIS.

Reuben D. Du Bois is numbered among the pioneer residents of Jefferson county, where he has spent almost his entire life, having been brought to the county by his parents when but three weeks old. He was born near the little village of Blandinsville, Illinois, on Christmas day of 1842. His father, John W. Du Bois, brought the family to Jefferson county in January, 1843, and cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers who were active in reclaiming the wild land for the uses and purposes of civilization. The father was born in New York city but before his marriage removed to the middle west. In his youthful days he learned and followed the cabinet-maker's trade in New York and on attaining his majority he left that state for Illinois. He married Elizabeth Dill, a native of White county, Tennessee, who had gone to Illinois with her parents when twelve years of age. Both the Du Bois and Dill families were excellent people who

took active part in the development of their respective communities, especially along agricultural lines, and ever commanded the esteem and regard of those who knew them by reason of their upright lives.

In the country schools of Jefferson county, R. D. Du Bois pursued his education, having the privilege of attending only in the winter months, for his services were needed upon the home farm during the summer seasons. He early became familiar with the arduous task of developing new land and was busy in cultivating the fields from the time of early spring planting until crops were harvested in the late autumn. He continued upon the old homestead until the time of his marriage and then began farming on his own account, devoting three years to tilling the soil. On the expiration of that period he removed to Fairfield, where he engaged in contracting in building material for seven years, meeting with success in that undertaking. He next turned his attention to the live-stock and butchering business, in which he engaged for twenty years, his intelligently directed labor and unfaltering industry bringing him substantial prosperity. He has ever regarded as one of the best investments that he ever made the purchase of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Buchanan township, two and a half miles northeast of Fairfield. This he still owns and in it takes considerable pride, his supervision being manifest in the excellent appearance of the place and in the improvements found thereon.

On the 21st of December, 1865, Mr. Du Bois was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Welch, a daughter of John and Clarissa Welch, of Tuscarawas county, Ohio. Her father followed the occupation of farming in the Buckeye state and in 1854 removed westward to this county, settling on a farm in Buchanan township. Both he and his wife died in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Du Bois, the father passing away in 1905 and the mother in 1911. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Du Bois was born a daughter, Charlotte A., whose birth occurred October 16, 1866, and who became the wife of the Rev. John W. Day. Both were students in Parsons College of Fairfield, completing a course there. Mrs. Day passed away June 7, 1901, leaving two children, Herald Du Bois and Wilbur Minton. Since the death of his mother Herald has made his home with his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Du Bois, while Minton is living with his father, the Reverend Day.

In his political views Mr. Du Bois has always been a republican where national issues are involved but at local elections casts an independent ballot, supporting the candidates best qualified for office. His first presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. He has served as a member of the board of county supervisors for two terms and as a member of the city council for three terms and has ever exercised his official

prerogatives in support of measures and movements which he deems of value and benefit to the community. For thirty-eight years he has been a loyal member of the Odd Fellows society and for fourteen years of the Knights of Pythias lodge, while for more than forty years both he and his wife have led consistent Christian lives as members of the Methodist church.

CLARENCE MURPHEY.

Clarence Murphey, who has remained a resident of Jefferson county from his birth to the present time, has followed farming as a life work and is the owner of one hundred and fifty acres of valuable land in Round Prairie township. His birth occurred in that township on the 9th of May, 1861, his parents being Levi and Sarah (Bower) Murphey, who were natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania, respectively. Coming to Iowa, the father located at Ottumwa, Iowa, where he spent one year and ten months. On the expiration of that period he came to Jefferson county and entered a tract of forty acres in Round Prairie township, clearing and improving the land and cultivating the same until 1854. In that year he disposed of the property and purchased eighty acres of the farm which is now in possession of our subject, devoting his attention to its improvement and development. Subsequently he extended the boundaries of his place by an additional purchase of one hundred and twenty acres adjoining and during the remainder of his life was busily engaged in the operation of his farm. In the conduct of his agricultural interests he won a gratifying measure of prosperity and was widely recognized as one of the substantial and esteemed citizens of the community. During the early period of his residence here he made a trip to the Nevada gold fields, but the venture proved unprofitable and at the end of two years he returned to Iowa. His demise occurred on the 3d of July, 1902, while his wife was called to her final rest on the 29th of February, 1896.

Clarence Murphey acquired his education in the district schools, studying under the preceptorship of Hiram Heaton. He has always remained on the old home place and when a young man of twenty-three years started out as an agriculturist on his own account, farming on shares with his father. Subsequently he operated the entire homestead place as a renter until his father's demise, when he purchased the interest of other heirs and came into possession of property, embracing one hundred and fifty acres in Round Prairie township and in its further cultivation and improvement Mr. Murphey has been busily engaged to the present time.

He makes a close study of agriculture and through the careful cultivation of the soil and the rotation of crops gathers abundant harvests each year.

On October 20, 1888, Mr. Murphey was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary J. Duttweiler, a daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Baldozier) Duttweiler, who are mentioned at greater length on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Albert Larson, a brother-in-law of our subject. To Mr. and Mrs. Murphey have been born nine children, as follows: Clarence E., who operates a mill and is also engaged in the manufacture of cement blocks at Lockridge, Iowa; Frank, likewise living in Lockridge; and Chester, Hazel, Raymond, Bertha, Eddie, Ellen and Jessie, all at home.

At the polls Mr. Murphey casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. He is a worthy representative of our best type of American manhood, endowed by nature with admirable qualities, and commands uniform respect and good-will wherever he is known.

ALEXANDER EASTON.

In few men has the spirit of patriotism been more dominant than in Alexander Easton, who not only rendered his country valuable aid during the dark days of the Civil war but in times of peace has proven himself equally loyal and public-spirited, his efforts in behalf of Fairfield along material lines being unequalled, perhaps by any other citizen of the community. He was born in Lonaconing, Maryland, on the 2d of September, 1842, a son of Robert and Mary (Spence) Easton, both natives of Scotland, where the former was born in 1800 and the latter in 1812. They were married in the land of hills and heather, when the mother was but eighteen years of age, and about 1832 crossed the Atlantic to America, locating first at Picton, Canada, where their first child was born. Later they crossed the border into the United States, first taking up their abode in Pennsylvania, whence they removed to Maryland. Subsequently they returned to Pennsylvania and there Robert Easton followed his calling—that of civil engineer—and also engaged considerably in prospecting for mines, etc. He passed away in the Keystone state and his wife later brought her family to Illinois, where her death occurred. Unto them were born ten children, of whom only four are now living, as follows: Robert, residing in Cripple Creek, California; Alexander, of this review; Ellen, the widow of Joseph Martin, of Peoria, Illinois; and Agnes, living in Spring Valley, Illinois. Those who have passed away are: two by the

name of Sarah; two bearing the name of Mary; Archibald; and Margaret, deceased. The youngest, Sarah, married Robert Martin.

It was during the early childhood of Alexander Easton that the family home was established in Pennsylvania, and in McKeesport, that state, he spent the years of his boyhood and youth. There he acquired a good education in the common schools, and continued at home until twenty years of age, when, prompted by a spirit of patriotism, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, in September, 1862, becoming a private in Company D, Fourteenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry. His term of service continued until the close of hostilities, or for a period of three and a half years, and in the meantime his record was one of utmost valor and courage, winning for him promotion to the rank of sergeant. He served under Generals Siegel, Averell and Sheridan and participated in forty-two battles and more than eighty skirmishes, including the battles between Gettysburg and Richmond. At one time he was under fire for ninety consecutive days. One of the interesting incidents of the war which he relates was that of the capture, by him, of a spy south of Morefield, Virginia. Subsequently it was discovered that the spy was a woman in man's dress. While she was on her way to prison she passed her captor and indicated her feeling of hostility toward him in the prediction that if Jefferson Davis did not kill all of the Union troops within a year Mr. Easton would within that time find himself in hell. Ere a year had passed Mr. Easton was wounded and captured at Cedar Creek, sustaining a wound in the leg and having his horse shot from under him. He was then sent to Libby prison and such were the horrors of that loathsome prison pen that he thought that the prediction of the woman had come true. After his wound had partially healed he was sent to Salisbury, North Carolina, and there held as a prisoner until the close of the war. He witnessed the slaughter of several hundred Union prisoners upon their united attempt to escape in December, 1864. While under General Siegel at Martinsburg, Virginia, he had been detailed with eighty men to guard the crossing on North mountain and later rode back to Martinsburg where he believed he would rejoin his command. He found, however, that he was within a block of Earley's army of fifty thousand Confederate troops. Mr. Easton lost fourteen out of his eighty men in a running fight back to Hagarstown, Maryland, but after crossing the Potomac found that he was cut off there and lost ten more men in a running fight back to Greensburg, Pennsylvania. His military record was one of which he may well be proud and to men like him the nation owes a debt of gratitude which it can never pay. A strong, sturdy man, weighing one hundred and ninety-six pounds when he enlisted for service, through the terrible hardships and privations of war and the horrors of incarceration in southern

prisons he was reduced to but one hundred pounds and for two years thereafter was unfit for any manual labor.

The father of Mr. Easton had passed away during his absence at the front and his mother had gone to make her home with a daughter in Ohio. There he joined her and spent two years in recuperation, after which he returned to Pennsylvania. Later, however, he went to Illinois, locating in Fairbury, Livingston county, and there resided until 1889, which year witnessed his arrival in Fairfield, Iowa, where he has since made his home. In early life he had pursued a course of study in chemistry and for a time engaged in the bottling business at McKeesport, Pennsylvania, but on removing to Illinois he worked in the mines, quarries and sewers, and later purchased a farm, upon which he carried on general agricultural pursuits. After his arrival in Fairfield he returned to his former occupation and, purchasing a bottling enterprise, gave close attention to its management and conduct for more than two decades. He manufactured pop and extracts and also manufactured his own gas, and the excellence of his output was such that he found a ready sale on the market and his business constantly grew in volume and importance with the passing years. It was not long ere close application, untiring diligence and honorable dealing found well merited reward and prosperity came to him in substantial measure, permitting him, about three years ago, to withdraw from business activity. He is now living retired in Fairfield, enjoying the position which he has so richly earned among the representative and successful business men of this community. He has valuable realty holdings, being the owner of a tract of farm land of eighty acres located three miles east of Fairfield, and two good dwellings in the town, in addition to the pop factory.

Mr. Easton was married, on the 5th of June, 1879, in Fairbury, Illinois, to Miss Jennie T. Johnson, who was born in Vermont, Fulton county, this state, a daughter of Dr. Amos and Malissa (Kimey) Johnson. Unto this union have been born three sons, to all of whom Mr. Easton has given a substantial start in business life. The first two, Oscar A. and Harvey L., are associated with Ed DeVall in the operation of the Fairfield Steam Laundry. The youngest son, Percy J., is a druggist of Fairfield, engaging in business in connection with Fred Jericho under the firm style of Jericho & Easton. All are successful young business men, well known and highly respected in this city.

The religious belief of Mr. Easton is that of the Methodist church, while he maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. A close study of political conditions has led him to give his support to republican principles and for many years he has been active and prominent in party ranks here. He

served for two years as street commissioner and twelve years as city councilman, and throughout this period probably no other resident of Fairfield did more valuable service toward the permanent development and improvement of the town than did Mr. Easton. In his official capacity he was instrumental in having the surface drainage changed so that each home now has a park, and all of the street paving was superintended by him. He was joined by others and caused the hitching racks to be abolished around the square, an action which caused much ill feeling at the time, and did all in his power to enhance the attractiveness of the village. In the matter of sewers he saved the city twenty-six hundred dollars on contracts and was instrumental in effecting a saving of money to the city in various other ways as well. He has ever been a champion of progress, not only exemplifying the term in his own business career but laboring for general advancement and improvement in the civic life of the community in which he resides, and high on the roll of Fairfield's most valued and influential citizens is found the name of Alexander Easton.

FRANK FOURT, D. D. S.

Dentistry is unique among the professions in that success depends upon three distinct qualities: a thorough understanding of specific principles, marked mechanical skill and ingenuity and the capability to control the financial side of the business. In all of these requirements Dr. Frank Fourt is well equipped and Fairfield now acknowledges him as one of its leading dentists, his skill having gained him an extensive practice. He was born on a farm at Retreat, Wisconsin, July 25, 1866, his parents being Charles S. and Hannah Fourt. The Fourt family was of French origin and its representatives have occupied prominent places in the colonization and settlement of this country. Members of the family have been judges and congressmen and there is at least one state governor of that name. The name was originally spelled Fourte but various branches of the family have made changes in the orthography until the usual spelling is now Fort. Charles S. Fourt was a farmer by occupation but interrupted his agricultural labors to aid his country in the Civil war, serving four years with the Union army. He wedded Hannah Valentine, who was a representative of a family of pure English stock.

After mastering the common branches of learning Dr. Fourt of this review spent three years as a student in the high school at Viroqua, Wisconsin. He took up the study of dentistry in a dental office, where he received practical training, and at the same time acquainted himself with

the scientific principles that found their exposition in reading books on dentistry. This qualified him for the examination that admitted him to practice in the Dakotas in 1888. He afterward successfully passed the required examination in Iowa, a state that demands as high qualifications as any in the Union. This was in 1894. He first located for practice at Britton, North Dakota, in the fall of 1888 and there remained for a year, after which he removed to Brookings, South Dakota, where he spent four years, but not being content to remain in so small a town he removed to Fairfield in 1894. Here he had the strongest kind of professional opposition but gradually his superior skill and ability became recognized, his practice grew and he is today recognized as one of the leaders of the dental profession not only in Jefferson county but in the state of Iowa. He keeps in touch with the most advanced methods and improvements and has an office splendidly equipped with the latest appliances.

In 1890 Dr. Fourt formed the acquaintance of Miss Fanny L. Shannon, who was then a pupil in the South Dakota Agricultural College, located at Brookings, and after she had completed the college course and a special course in domestic science, she was persuaded to give up the position of librarian, which she then held, and on the 23d of November, 1892, Thanksgiving eve, she became the wife of Dr. Frank Fourt. Unto this union have been born three children: Donald, whose birth occurred in February, 1894; Arthur, born in June, 1895; and Walter, in August, 1899. The first born, however, died in infancy.

Dr. Fourt has always recognized the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship and has cooperated in various plans and projects for the public good, although he has never been a politician in the truly accepted sense of office seeking. He has, however, served as councilman of Fairfield from the second ward, having been elected on the "paving issue." He served on the street and alley committee when the first paving in Fairfield was done and when he had accomplished the purpose for which he desired election, he refused renomination and has also declined to accept the nomination for other offices, preferring to give his undivided attention to his professional duties. He votes with the democratic party and is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He has served in all the chairs of the blue lodge and is found an exemplary representative of the craft. He attends the Congregational church and advocates the movements for the moral and intellectual development of the community. He served on the board of directors of the Chautauqua Association and after filling the position of treasurer of the association for three years, refused renomination. He took a prominent part in securing Slagle grove for Chautauqua purposes, and his opinions concerning the work of Chautauquas have had weight in deciding the questions coming before that asso-

ciation. It is noteworthy that Dr. Fourt is usually chosen treasurer of any association with which he becomes connected. He served in that position in the South Dakota Dental Society and is now serving his third term as treasurer of the Iowa State Dental Society. Progress and patriotism may well be termed the keynote of his character. His natural attainments and his acquired ability have placed him in a prominent professional position and at the same time he maintains an even balance in his character and in his life by his activity in public affairs and in social interests.

JOHN H. MERCKENS.

John H. Merckens has spent the greater part of his life in public office and his career has illustrated his fidelity to duty and to principle, his capability, his energy and his resourcefulness. He is now serving as grand keeper of the records and seal for the Knights of Pythias of Iowa, his labors in this connection occupying his entire time. His birth occurred in New York city, October 12, 1855, his parents being Cord and Helene D. (Niemann) Merckens, both of whom were natives of Germany. They were born, reared and married near Hamburg and in 1839 came to New York where their remaining days were passed, the mother's death occurring in the same year in which John H. Merckens was born. The father was connected with sugar refining throughout the entire period of his residence in the United States. He passed away in 1870, survived by two sons, but the elder, Richard, died in San Francisco, California, in March, 1888.

John H. Merckens is therefore the only surviving member of the family. Left motherless in his infancy, he remained a resident of New York city until brought to Fairfield by the Children's Aid Society on the 15th of January, 1869. He afterward made his home with Henry Unkrich, a German farmer living near Glasgow, working in the fields until May, 1881. He then secured a clerkship in a general store at Lockridge where he remained until 1890, when he accepted a position in the census department at Washington, D. C. Later he was transferred to the labor department where he continued until 1892. His public service in Jefferson county covers two years in the position of deputy county clerk. He was also state superintendent of census at Des Moines in 1895 and 1896 and in 1898 was elected clerk of the district court for a term of four years. After his retirement from that position he became bookkeeper and clerk for the Lowden Machinery Company with which he remained until 1908, when he was elected to his present position as grand keeper of the records and seal of the Knights of Pythias, to which work he now gives his undivided



JOHN H. MERCKENS

attention, his ability well qualifying him for the onerous duties that devolve upon him. Under his guidance the work has been carefully systematized and the management of the office is thoroughly satisfactory to the officers of the organization.

On the 1st of January, 1882, Mr. Merckens was united in marriage in Glasgow, Iowa, to Miss Ida M. Emerson, who was born in Jefferson county, March 31, 1862, and is a daughter of John W. and Catherine A. Emerson. Their children are: William C., of Fairfield; Clara E., who died March 13, 1906, at the age of twenty-three years; and Mary C., who is acting as her father's stenographer. Mr. Merckens belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a "standpat" republican. He believes firmly in the principles of the party and the policy followed by its leaders, thinking that both are forces in conserving the best interests of good government. Mr. Merckens has the distinction of being what the world calls a self-made man and certainly he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. Deprived in youth of the advantages that most boys enjoy, including home training and educational privileges beyond that offered by the common schools, he has so shaped his life that each step in his career has been a forward one, bringing him a broader outlook and wider opportunities. His connection with public office has gained him an extensive acquaintance and wherever he is known he has won warm friends.

JERRY M. CALHOUN.

Jerry M. Calhoun, who manifests a spirit of unfaltering determination and unwearied industry in carrying on his farming interests in Center township, is the owner of good farming property which returns to him substantial profits. He is one of Iowa's native sons, his birth occurring in Cedar township, Van Buren county, on the 19th of September, 1857. His parents, Nobe and Malura (Jimeson) Calhoun, were born, reared and married in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and in 1853 they came to Iowa, locating in Van Buren county. Their remaining days were passed there and in Jefferson county, the father giving his lifetime to the occupation of farming. He passed away in this county in 1873, at the age of forty-two years. His wife later married Lewis Sense, who is also deceased, and she now makes her home in Knox county, Missouri. In their family were five children, as follows: Anna, who married Frank P. Ball, of Cedar township; Jerry M., of this review; Scott, residing in Los Angeles, Cali-

fornia; Mary Adaline Rymer, deceased; and Nobe, the wife of Fred Jameson, of Knox county, Missouri.

Jerry M. Calhoun was but five or six years old when he came with his parents to Jefferson county and within its borders he has since maintained his residence. He was reared to rural life and when not busy with his lessons he assisted his father in the work of the home fields, early becoming familiar with the tasks that usually fall to the lot of the country lad. Upon attaining his majority he wisely selected as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared, and since entering the business world on his own account he has engaged in agricultural pursuits, the success of his undertaking indicating how thorough was his preparation and how well he had mastered the lessons which he had received concerning the value of industry, energy and perseverance. He now owns a good farm of eighty acres located on section 1, Center township, upon which he has resided since 1887, and he also has an additional tract of sixty-five acres on section 3, this township. He has brought his home place under a high state of cultivation, introducing various improvements which have greatly enhanced the value of the property and equipping it with all of the necessary conveniences for the successful conduct of a farming enterprise.

Mr. Calhoun was married, in 1881, to Miss Emma E. McWhiter, who was born on the 11th of February, 1857, on the farm which is yet her home and which was entered by her father from the government at an early day. Her parents were John and Catharine (Gift) McWhiter, the former born in County Antrim, Ireland, in October, 1818, and the latter in Pennsylvania in 1827. The father on coming to the new world first located in Maryland and later took up a claim in Iowa. In 1849 he went to California and later made another trip to the Golden state, the journey on both occasions being made with ox teams although his second return to this state was made by the water route. He engaged in farming here up to the time of his retirement from the business world, and spent the last ten years of his life in Fairfield. He passed away on the 4th of January, 1901, his wife surviving him for about five years, her death occurring in March, 1906. In their family were seven children of whom Mrs. Calhoun was the second in order of birth, the others being: Mary C. Allen, of Jefferson county; Maggie, deceased; Nina, a resident of Fairfield; Glenn, who has also passed away; Martha Allen, residing in St. Louis; and Etta, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun were born three children, namely: Catharine Malura, who married Harvey Erickson, of Fairfield; Mabel and Nobe John, both at home.

The religious faith of Mr. Calhoun is indicated by his membership in the Christian church, to which his wife and children also belong. Early in life he became interested in the politics of the country and, forming his

own opinions and rules of conduct has given his support to the democratic party and has ever been a worker for the best interests of the community in which he resides. He is now serving as township trustee and in this capacity he is using his influence in behalf of all those projects which have for their object the permanent development and improvement of the district.

JOHN H. FRITZ.

John H. Fritz has resided in Jefferson county throughout his entire life, his birth having occurred February 10, 1865, in Walnut township, upon the farm which was the old homestead of the family. While reared to agricultural life, he chose to turn his attention to commercial pursuits and, since 1887, has been closely identified with the mercantile, manufacturing and financial interests of Fairfield. His parents were Peter and Susan (Kurtz) Fritz; the former born in Bavaria, Germany, August 21, 1836. When sixteen years of age, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States on one of the old-time sailing vessels in company with his parents, who established the family home at Burlington, Iowa, but, after a year or two, removed to Jefferson county. Peter Fritz has since lived in Walnut township, and for forty-eight years has remained upon the farm which is now his home. It was in this county that he wedded Susan Kurtz, who was born in Michigan and in her girlhood came with her parents to Iowa, remaining a resident of Jefferson county until her death, which occurred about thirty-three years ago. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fritz have been born four children: John H.; Elizabeth, the wife of D. T. Kilfoy, of Fairfield; Joseph, living in Santiago, California; and Martin, whose home is in Walnut township.

In the usual manner of farm lads, John H. Fritz spent his boyhood days, residing in Walnut township until 1887, when at the age of twenty-two years he came to Fairfield. Here he became connected with the lumber trade in the employ of A. S. Jordan, with whom he remained until his industry and careful expenditure had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to embark in the lumber business on his own account, about ten years ago as a member of the firm of Jordan & Company. This association was maintained for four years, since which time the business has been conducted by the present firm of Fritz & Parker. He also owned and conducted a hardware business and coal yard as a member of the firm of Fritz & Droz. In addition to his other commercial interests he is president of the Hawkeye Pump Company and a stockholder of the Iowa State

Savings Bank and of the Iowa Malleable Iron Company. His business judgment is sound and his industry an effective force for success, so that his cooperation has been sought by various corporations.

In January, 1893, Mr. Fritz was married to Miss Margaret Fogarty, who was born in Fairfield, in 1866, and is a daughter of Thomas Fogarty. They hold membership in St. Mary's Catholic church; Mr. Fritz also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party. He served for seven years as a member of the city council, supporting many projects and measures the value of which has been proven as the years have gone by. He is also identified with several interests of a more public character, being now a trustee of the Jefferson County Hospital and stockholder of the Chautauqua Association and of the Armory Company which built the Armory for Company M. His business interests, however, claim the greater part of his time and attention, and his excellent management has brought to the concerns with which he is connected a large degree of success. The safe conservative policy which he inaugurated commends itself to the judgment of all, and, at the same time, has not interfered with the spirit of progress which is a basic element in all advancement and prosperity.

JAMES SPEER.

James Speer, a leading citizen and successful agriculturist of Cedar township, is the owner of a well improved farm of one hundred and seventy-three acres on sections 20 and 21. This has remained his place of abode from his birth to the present time, his natal day being January 1, 1859. His parents, James and Sarah (Robinson) Speer, were born and reared in County Antrim, Ireland, and came of Scotch-Irish descent. The father crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1840, locating in Pennsylvania, where he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits. Hearing of the great possibilities of the west, he made a trip to Iowa in the spring of 1841 and in Cedar township, Jefferson county, found some land that he believed would prove a good investment. Accordingly he purchased the tract of three hundred and twenty acres where our subject and his brother, Andrew R., now reside and also bought an adjacent tract consisting of eighty acres for a brother in the Keystone state. After the demise of this brother he sold the property to Andrew Loudon. James Speer, Sr., returned to Pennsylvania in the winter of 1841-42 and immediately made preparations to come to Iowa as a permanent resident. In the spring of 1842 he took up his abode on his new Iowa farm, remaining

thereon until called to his final rest aged seventy-two years. He was numbered among the honored pioneer settlers of this county and was actively engaged in farming until within four years of his death, when blindness necessitated his retirement. His wife passed away on the old home place. Their children were four in number, namely: Rose Mary, who is deceased; John M., a foreman of the Loudon Machinery Company of Fairfield; James, of this review; and Andrew R., a well known farmer of Cedar township, Jefferson county, residing on section 20.

In his youthful days James Speer attended what was known as the Center schoolhouse in Cedar township and in the summer seasons, when not busy with his text-books, assisted in the operation of the home farm. He has never married and remained with his parents until they passed away, taking complete charge of the homestead property when his father retired. After the demise of his parents, he lived on the farm with his sister, Rose Mary, until her death, which occurred on the 12th of December, 1905. Since that time Mr. Speer has had assistance in the operation of the place, living thereon with his tenants. At the time of his father's demise the estate of five hundred acres was divided among the children, his share embracing one hundred and seventy-three acres and constituting an excellent tract of farming land on sections 20 and 21, Cedar township. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and is one of the well known and highly respected agriculturists of Jefferson county. His place is well improved in every particular and in its neat and thrifty appearance indicates the supervision of a practical and progressive owner.

Mr. Speer is a republican in politics and is now serving his first term as township trustee, being elected by the largest vote on the ticket in a township which is strongly democratic. For several years he has served as a school director in district No. 3. He is a Presbyterian in religious faith and belongs to Cedar Chapel, while fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a member of Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, at Fairfield, Iowa. The circle of his friends is coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances and it is with genuine pleasure that we present the record of his life to the readers of this volume.

S. A. POWER.

Scott A. Power, engaged in the coal and wood business, was born in Davis county, Iowa, December 9, 1869; a son of Albert and Angeline (Wilson) Power, natives of Ohio and Indiana, respectively. The mother removed to Davis county, Iowa, during her childhood days, and it was

about 1840 that Albert Power took up his abode there. They were married in that county and still make their home within its borders, Mr. Power having for many years been identified with its agricultural interests, but, at the present time, he is living retired in the town of Bloomfield. Unto him and his wife were born four children: Scott A.; Mrs. Fannie M. Gilmore, the widow of Rev. W. F. Gilmore, residing in Bloomfield; Howard W., residing in Davenport, Iowa; and Mary, the wife of Hoilis H. Hollaway, of Sheridan, Montana.

The youthful days of Scott A. Power were spent in the usual manner of farm lads, at the old homestead in Davis county. He attended the rural school and afterward was graduated from the Southern Normal School at Bloomfield, Iowa, with the class of 1888. He then engaged in teaching for a brief time, and, later, entered the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant from which he was graduated in 1893. Again he took up the profession of teaching which he followed continuously until 1909. In the fall of 1895, he came to Fairfield and secured a position in the public schools. He had previously been superintendent of the schools of Colfax for a year, and of Coon Rapids for four years. He occupied the position of high school principal from 1894 until 1899; and for six years, from 1903 until 1909, was superintendent of the schools of Fairfield, which, under his guidance, made substantial and satisfactory progress. He had the ability to inspire teachers and pupils with much of his own zeal, enthusiasm and interest in the work; moreover, his methods were at once practical and progressive. In 1909, however, he withdrew from professional connections to enter commercial circles, establishing a coal and wood business in Fairfield. Gradually, his patronage has increased until he is now at the head of a profitable enterprise. He has become quite well known as a poultry fancier, taking considerable interest in the breeding and raising of high grade poultry, in which undertaking his son, Earl D., has been associated with him.

In 1895, Mr. Power was married to Miss Fannie B. Davison, who was born in Des Moines county, Iowa; a daughter of John G. Davison. Their children are: Earl D., Emma K., Helen B., Ruth A. and George W., all still at home. Mr. Power is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Methodist Episcopal church; associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and the principles which he has made the guiding rule of his life. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. However, he is never remiss in the duties of citizenship and has, at all times, given his aid to projects for the general welfare. He is president of the Fairfield Commercial Club, in which connection he has done much to stimulate trade interests; and, until a year ago, he was secretary and

director of the Chautauqua Association which each year has held an assembly, bringing to the city many attractive and uplifting entertainments, while upon its lecture course have appeared men and women of national reputation. Mr. Power gives his influence on the side of advancement and he has done much to further social, intellectual and moral progress in the community.

ALBERT LARSON.

Albert Larson, a prosperous, well known and respected citizen of Lockridge, has long been actively engaged in business as a carpenter and contractor. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Jefferson county, his birth having occurred in Lockridge township in December, 1858. His parents, Swan and Anna Sophia (Anderson) Larson, were both natives of Sweden. It was in the year 1853 that the father crossed the Atlantic to the United States, locating in Jefferson county, Iowa. He was a basket maker by trade and followed that occupation to some extent. During much of his life he was an invalid, however, and unable to do any heavy work. He operated a truck farm of about twelve acres which he owned in Lockridge township and there passed away in April, 1868. His wife was called to her final rest on the 25th of February, 1901.

Albert Larson was reared and educated in his native township, pursuing his studies in the district schools. After putting aside his text-books he worked as a farm hand by the month for two years and then became ill with typhoid fever. When his condition permitted he went to Madison county, Nebraska, in the hope that a change of climate might benefit his health and there remained with a married sister for one year. On the expiration of that period he returned to Jefferson county and again secured employment as a farm hand, thus working for three more years. At the end of that time he came to Lockridge and learned the carpenter's trade, serving a three years' apprenticeship. He has since devoted his attention to carpentering and contracting and has won an enviable reputation in this connection. Mr. Larson owns a fine residence and three lots near the business district and also owns and operates fourteen acres of farm land inside the city limits. He has won a well merited measure of prosperity in the conduct of his business interests and deserves a place among the substantial and representative citizens of his community.

On the 19th of September, 1886, Mr. Larson was joined in wedlock to Miss Margaret Duttweiler, a daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Balldozier) Duttweiler, who were natives of New York and Ohio respectively. Jacob

Duttweiler accompanied his parents on their westward removal in an early day, the family home being established in Walnut township, Jefferson county, Iowa. As soon as he was old enough he made his way to Nebraska and there followed general agricultural pursuits for one year. Subsequently he was engaged in farming four miles south of Albia, Iowa, for four years and on the expiration of that period returned to Jefferson county, here tilling the soil for one year. In 1878 he became the proprietor of a saloon at Lockridge and thus remained in business until his demise, which occurred on the 4th of June, 1881. His widow, who has now attained the age of sixty-seven years, conducts a hotel in Lockridge. Mr. and Mrs. Larson have four children, as follows: John N., a young man of twenty-three, who is still under the parental roof; Emma A., the wife of Ralph A. Dunlap, a general merchant of Rome, Iowa; Karl A., a youth of nineteen, who assists his father; and William L., sixteen years of age, at home.

Mr. Larson is a republican in his political views and has held the position of constable, while for eight years he served as assessor of Lockridge township. He is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the lodge at Fairfield, Iowa. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, his wife and children also belonging to the church of that denomination. Jefferson county has remained his home during practically his entire life. He has not only been industrious but has evidenced in his transactions those qualities which make friends and, being upright in his dealings and interested in the moral as well as the financial welfare of the community, he enjoys the confidence and respect of all who know him.

J. E. BOWERMASTER.

J. E. Bowermaster, whose record in public office as in private life has at all times been progressive and commendable, is now conducting a substantial business as a contractor and builder of Fairfield. He was born in Clinton county, Ohio, February 21, 1854, a son of Frederick A. and Amanda (Pyle) Bowermaster, both of whom were natives of Clinton county, Ohio. The mother died when the subject of this review was but three years old. The father, who was born February 15, 1825, came to Iowa in 1858, living in Henry county until 1867, when he removed to Jefferson county where his death occurred June 6, 1909. He had followed blacksmithing in Ohio and engaged in merchandising in Henry county and devoted his life to farming in Jefferson county. By his first marriage he had two children: Mary E., who in 1874 became the wife of J. C. Gow

and is now deceased; and J. E., of this review. Having lost his first wife, Frederick Bowermaster was married to Miss Mary C. Roberts and they became the parents of four sons and three daughters: O. R., a resident of Wyoming; J. W., living in Fairfield; Henry L., who also makes his home in Wyoming; Homer L., of Fairfield; Dora, the wife of F. S. Cooper, of Fairfield; Annie, who became the wife of James Allum, but both died in Jasper county; and Nellie, the wife of Milton Douglas, a farmer of Jefferson county.

J. E. Bowermaster was a youth of thirteen years when he came with his father to this county within the borders of which he has since made his home. He was reared to farm life and followed that occupation until thirty years ago, when he turned his attention to the carpenter's trade and has since been engaged in carpentering and contracting in Fairfield. Because of his thorough workmanship and reliable business methods he has been accorded an extensive patronage and now has his two sons, James H. and Peter E., associated with him in a partnership under the firm name of J. E. Bowermaster & Sons, this business relation having been maintained five or six years. They have erected a number of the best buildings of Fairfield and the surrounding district, representing modern styles of architecture, and their work has at all times been satisfactory.

Mr. Bowermaster has been married twice. On the 3d of February, 1876, he wedded Maggie Gow, who was born in this county May 18, 1854, and is a daughter of Peter and Jeanette Gow, who were born, reared and married in Scotland. Their last days, however, were spent in Fairfield. Unto J. E. and Maggie Bowermaster there were born six children: James H., who is now in partnership with his father; Harvey C., a barber of Fairfield; Annie M., who was a twin sister of Harvey and is now the deceased wife of William Schlieff; Peter E., who is in partnership with his father; John F., a clerk in the Fairfield postoffice; and Charles F., at home. Following the loss of his first wife Mr. Bowermaster was married on the 13th of October, 1892, to Mrs. Mary (Hiatt) Jones, who was born in this county March 30, 1855, and is a daughter of Enoch and Edith (Cox) Hiatt. By her first marriage with Andrew Jones she had one child, Bessie May, now the wife of T. R. Stewart, of Fairfield. Mr. and Mrs. Bowermaster now have an adopted daughter, Pauline. In this city where they have long resided their circle of friends is extensive and the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them. They hold membership with the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Bowermaster also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political allegiance has been given to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he has been called to several offices, serving as assessor of Center township, while for two terms he was county recorder,

filling the position from the 1st of January, 1907, until the 1st of January, 1911. Over his official record there falls no shadow of wrong nor suspicion of evil, and he has made an equally creditable name in business circles by his fidelity to duty and his reliability. Having thoroughly mastered the trade he is able to direct the labors of those in his employ and his work has not only been satisfactory to his patrons but is also a source of improvement in the town and county.

CHARLES J. OVERSTROM.

Charles J. Overstrom, who for the past twenty-three years has been successfully identified with the business interests of Jefferson county as a merchant of Lockridge, is at present conducting a grocery and furniture store in association with his son. His birth occurred in Sweden on the 12th of July, 1847, his parents being Isaac and Caroline (Peterson) Overstrom, who were likewise natives of that country. In 1857 the family crossed the Atlantic to the United States and made their way direct to Jefferson county, Iowa. He was a stone mason by trade and had followed that occupation to some extent in Sweden, where he served in the regular army for twenty years. After emigrating to America he worked at his trade until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted in an Illinois regiment, remaining at the front for three years. He was crippled at Pittsburg Landing and throughout the remainder of his life was unable to do much work. After the cessation of hostilities between the north and the south he returned to Jefferson county, Iowa, residing near Lockridge until called to his final rest in 1899. His wife, surviving him for four years, passed away in 1903.

Charles J. Overstrom began his education in his native land and after coming to the United States continued his studies in the district schools of Lockridge township, this county. After putting aside his text-books he secured employment as a farm hand and thus worked for ten years. On the expiration of that period he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, operating a rented farm in Henry county for one year. He then returned to Jefferson county and for some time operated his father's farm in Round Prairie township. Subsequently he purchased a tract of one hundred acres adjoining his father's property, cleared and improved the same and cultivated both farms until 1888. In that year he abandoned agricultural pursuits and took up his abode in Lockridge, where he opened the general mercantile establishment which he has conducted continuously since. During this period he has held the office of postmaster for twelve

years. At the present time he is conducting a grocery and furniture store in association with his son. His reasonable prices and earnest efforts to please his customers have brought him a large and gratifying patronage. He owns a fine home in Lockridge and is well known and highly esteemed as one of the representative and prosperous citizens of the community.

In January, 1878, Mr. Overstrom was united in marriage to Miss Hannah A. Olson, a daughter of John and Hannah (Anderson) Olson, both of whom were natives of Sweden. Emigrating to the United States, they took up their abode in Monmouth, Illinois, in 1867 but after a short time removed to Henry county, Iowa, where Mr. Olson purchased and improved a farm, operating the same until he passed away in 1905. His wife was called to her final rest two years later. Mr. and Mrs. Overstrom have three children, as follows: Nora E., residing in Burlington, Iowa, who is the wife of H. B. Tenant, a traveling salesman; Nettie H., the wife of Henry Rawsher, an implement dealer of New London, Iowa; and John M., a young man of twenty-four years, who is engaged in business with his father. All were born in this county.

Mr. Overstrom gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served as road supervisor and school director of his district. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church, to which his wife and children also belong. He has now been a resident of this part of the state for more than a half century and the circle of his friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

RAY A. LINDERSON.

Ray A. Linderson, who assisted in the organization of the Lockridge Savings Bank in 1904, has since served as cashier of the institution and is also one of its stockholders. His birth occurred in Round Prairie township, Jefferson county, Iowa, on the 20th of May, 1882, his parents being Otto R. and Ida (Johnson) Linderson, both of whom were natives of Sweden. Emigrating to the United States, the father located in Burlington, Iowa, in 1866, and secured employment as a teamster, being principally engaged in hauling lumber. About the year 1874 he came to Jefferson county and turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, purchasing, clearing and improving a farm in Round Prairie township and devoting his attention to its operation until 1905. In that year he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Lockridge, where he is now residing at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife was called to her final rest on the 16th of June, 1910. To them were born eight

children, two of whom died in infancy. The others are as follows: Nancy; Frank, who resides in the state of Washington; Anema; Edward, who was formerly connected with the First National Bank of Fairfield, Iowa, and is now a banker of Barnesville, Minnesota; Esther, who gave her hand in marriage to C. A. Johnson, a professor in the University of Kansas at Lawrence; and Ray A., of this review.

The last named was reared in Round Prairie township and obtained his early education in its district schools, subsequently attending the Mount Pleasant Academy for four years. Having completed his studies he came to Lockridge in 1904 and assisted in the organization of the Lockridge Savings Bank, his associates being: John Heron, W. C. Rauscher, O. S. Hitchner, H. J. Twiting, W. E. Keeler, Samuel Billingly, J. T. Cline, Mat Trabert, William ODean and Henry Achenbach. From that time to the present Mr. Linderson has ably discharged the duties devolving upon him as cashier and is also a stockholder in the institution. A man of excellent executive ability and sound judgment, he has been chosen to serve as secretary and treasurer of various organizations and is now president of the Lockridge Commercial Club. He is likewise a stockholder and director in the Jefferson County Abstract & Loan Company.

Mr. Linderson is unmarried and makes his home with his father and sister. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Swedish Lutheran church. Though still a young man, he has won an enviable reputation as one of the prosperous, enterprising and progressive citizens of his native county.

JOHN CARL BRADSHAW.

One of the well conducted mercantile enterprises of Fairfield is the furniture and undertaking business owned by John Carl Bradshaw. He has applied himself closely to the management of his business and carrying a well selected stock, has gained a liberal and merited patronage. Moreover, Jefferson county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Salina, June 27, 1874. His parents were Dr. A. C. D. and Mary A. (McCulley) Bradshaw, and the family is one of the oldest of the county, his grandparents, John Carroll and Anna (Whitney) Bradshaw, having settled here in early pioneer times. They removed from Kentucky to Iowa in 1839, long before the admission of the state into the Union and entered land from the government, four and a half miles southeast of Fairfield. John C. Bradshaw afterward transformed his tract of

wild prairie land into richly cultivated fields and continued to engage in farming until his life's labors were ended in death. Both he and his wife spent their last days in this county and in their passing Fairfield lost two of its most honored, worthy and respected pioneer citizens. Their family numbered three sons and a daughter. Dr. Bradshaw was born in this county in 1848 and spent his youthful days upon the home farm, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. Determining to engage in the practice of medicine he entered Rush Medical College, from which in due time he was graduated. He then practiced in Salina until 1876, when he came to Fairfield and opened an office, continuing in practice here until he sustained injuries which made it impossible for him any longer to take the rides necessary for visiting his patients. He then turned his attention to the drug business, becoming a member of the firm of Huford & Bradshaw, and following the withdrawal of the senior partner he was joined by Louis Thoma under the firm name of Bradshaw & Thoma. Together they built the Bradshaw & Thoma block, one of the attractive modern structures of the city and for a number of years successfully conducted a drug store. At the same time Dr. Bradshaw extended the scope of his labors to include furniture manufacture, becoming manager of the Fairfield Furniture Factory. Indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature and his energy and perseverance enabled him to surmount all difficulties and carry his different projects forward to successful completion.

In early manhood he married Mary A. McCulley, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1847, and came to Jefferson county with her brother Robert. Six children blessed the marriage of Dr. and Mrs. Bradshaw: Claudius, who died in 1896, at the age of twenty-one years; Miss A. R. Bradshaw, who is living with her mother; L. S., a druggist of Fairfield; John Carl, of this review; Una, the wife of Dr. Tullman, of Fairfield; and Ethel, the wife of Ernest Jericho, of Moline, Illinois.

John C. Bradshaw, whose name introduces this record, has spent his entire life in Jefferson county and has lived in Fairfield from the age of two years. When a lad of six summers he entered the public schools and after mastering the branches of learning therein taught, continued his education in Parsons College. For five or six years he was engaged in the grocery business and then turned his attention to furniture and undertaking, conducting throughout the intervening years one of the well appointed mercantile establishments of the city. In June, 1899, he entered into partnership with F. D. Kerrick, under the firm style of F. D. Kerrick & Company. They carry an attractive line of goods so as to meet the varied tastes of all classes and their straightforward dealing and reasonable prices have constituted the strongest elements in their growing success.

On the 14th of June, 1899, Mr. Bradshaw was married to Miss Grace Wilson, who was born in Fairfield and is a daughter of J. E. Wilson of this city. They now have two interesting children, Carl Wilson and Ruth. Mr. Bradshaw belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is loyal to the teachings of these organizations. He is also an interested member of the Commercial Club and is in entire sympathy with its purposes, promoting the business development of the city. In a new environment and under different conditions he has carried forward the work that was instituted by his grandfather and continued by his father for the upbuilding and development of Jefferson county, so that the name of Bradshaw has been inseparably associated with its history for seventy-two years.

CHARLES F. GEORGE.

No history of Fairfield would be complete without extended reference to Charles F. George who for fifty years was one of the prominent and honored merchants of the city connected with the jewelry trade throughout that entire period. He then retired to private life and is now enjoying well earned rest. He was born in Oswego, New York, May 15, 1832, a son of Joel and Elizabeth (Stebbins) George, who were natives of New York and Massachusetts respectively. The mother died in Bloomington, Illinois, in 1885, and the father spent his last days in the home of his son Charles, passing away in 1887. He was a machinist and throughout his life had followed that trade. In the family were four children, Sidney, Charles F., Hattie and Lyman F. The last named died at the age of five years and the others have passed away with the exception of Charles F. George, who is now the only surviving member of the family.

When he was three years of age his parents removed to Joliet, Illinois, so that the greater part of his life has been passed in the middle west. He there resided until twenty-three years of age, and pursued his education as a public school student until he reached the age of seventeen years, when he began learning the trade of a jeweler and watch maker. He closely applied himself to the business and gained expert knowledge of and skill in the trade. At twenty-three years of age he removed to Beardstown, Illinois, and in 1859 came to Fairfield, where he has since resided. Here he opened a jewelry store which he conducted successfully until seven years ago, when he sold out to T. E. McLain, who had learned the trade under Mr. George and who still continues the business at the old location on the north side of the square. After continuing in the jewelry

trade for fifty years Mr. George felt that he was entitled to the rest that he is now enjoying and retired. He was ever progressive in business, energetic and enterprising, and while he endeavored to extend his trade relations and build up a profitable enterprise he never sought success at the sacrifice of another's interests. He now resides at No. 1008 West Burlington street and his home, which is a fine old brick residence built by his father-in-law, stands in the midst of nineteen acres of ground, well kept and tastefully improved.

On the 12th of February, 1861, in his present home Mr. George was united in marriage to Miss Esther A. Mendenhall, who was born November 22, 1842, in a log house in Fairfield where the Presbyterian church now stands. Her parents were Daniel and Susannah (Pierce) Mendenhall, who were natives of North Carolina and Virginia respectively but were reared and married in Indiana. They came to Fairfield in 1842 when Iowa was still under territorial rule and their remaining days were passed here. The father died November 9, 1873, at the age of fifty-three years, nine months and ten days, while his wife passed away March 23, 1904, at the age of eighty years and six months. He was a gunsmith by trade and after coming to Iowa was engaged in the grain and live-stock business in this city for many years and during the period of the war when prices became high he sold his products at a good profit and laid the foundation for his fortune, becoming very prosperous. About fifty years ago he built the residence now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George. He was identified with everything for the good and welfare of the city, cooperating in the various movements and measures for public progress and improvement. He also gave liberally to church work and was an active and helpful member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His political views stanchly supported the democratic party but he was never a politician in the sense of the office-seeking kind. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Mendenhall were six children: Esther, now Mrs. George; Sarah Jane, the widow of C. C. Morris, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa; Louis, living in Fairfield; Mrs. Ella Mount, deceased; Anna, the wife of John Gard, of St. Louis, Missouri; and Laura, who died at the age of eighteen years. Mr. and Mrs. George have but one child, Dr. Edward J. George, of Chicago, who is a professor in Hahnemann College and is a specialist in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He has a large private practice with offices in the Marshall Field building. He was born in the house which his parents still occupy in 1863, acquired his early education in the public schools of Fairfield and prepared for the practice of his profession as a student in the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College. His record is one of which his parents have every reason to be proud as he has attained considerable distinction in the field of his specialty.

Mr. George was made a Mason in Joliet, Illinois, in 1854, afterward took the Royal Arch degree and for ten years was honored with election to the office of high priest of the chapter in Fairfield. His fellow citizens have always entertained for him the warmest regard and give him the highest confidence and he has ever shown himself fully worthy of such honors. His life has been one of usefulness and activity, crowned by well earned rest. There is an old age which grows better and stronger mentally and physically as the years go by and gives out of its rich stores of wisdom of experience for the benefit of others and this Mr. George has done.

GUSTAF A. BRIGHT.

Gustaf A. Bright, a native of Sweden, is one of the enterprising and successful agriculturists of Lockridge township, Jefferson county, Iowa. Born February 16, 1844, he was the son of Peter and Anna (Anderson) Bright, both natives of Sweden. His father was a carpenter by trade and remained in his own country all his life. He died in 1879. His mother died December 20, 1901, having attained the remarkable age of ninety-nine years.

Gustaf A. Bright enjoyed the advantages of the education afforded by the common schools of his native locality in Sweden. On finishing he did not follow his father's occupation but entered service as hired farm help and during the last three years of his residence in Sweden he farmed for himself. In 1876 he bade farewell to his parents and kin, departing with stout heart for fields of new endeavor in America. His destination was Jefferson county, Iowa, where he worked as a farm hand for two years. He then rented a farm and operated this for a period of twelve years. In 1890 he bought a tract of sixty-three and a half acres in Lockridge township, which he set about improving, and this he has operated with excellent results continuously since that time.

In 1872, while still a hired man in Sweden, Mr. Bright was united in marriage to Miss Charlotta Johnson, a daughter of John and Eliza Johnson of Sweden. Her father was a farmer and farmed for himself until his death in 1857. Her mother died in 1874.

Mrs. Bright's life came to a sudden close April 18, 1899. She was the mother of six children, namely: Anna C., the wife of John Samuelson, a farmer in Wisconsin; Hulda C., living at home; Emma E., the wife of A. G. Edmund, a farmer in Wisconsin; Amanda, the wife of Edward Linderson, a banker in Barnesville, Minnesota; Carl A., who died May 1, 1899; and Esther, who died in December, 1880.



GUSTAF A. BRIGHT AND FAMILY

Politically Mr. Bright votes with the republican party and gives his active support to every movement of progress and reform. He worships in the Lutheran church accompanied by his daughter Hulda who is devoted to her father and whose kind ministrations help to soften for him the edge of the loneliness that comes with waning years.

WARREN H. CONNER, M. D.

Dr. Warren H. Conner, engaged in the practice of medicine in Fairfield, for which thorough preliminary training well qualified him, and constant study and research have kept him in touch with the advanced thought and progress of the profession, was born in Chautauqua county, New York, July 30, 1855, his parents being David and Caroline (Morehouse) Conner, both of whom were natives of New York, the father born in Ulster county, and the mother in Chautauqua county. In the winter of 1864-5 they removed westward to Rock Island county, Illinois, and Mrs. Conner passed away in that state when about forty-eight years of age. The death of David Conner occurred in St. Joseph, Missouri, when he was seventy-nine years of age. He was born in 1814 and in early manhood engaged in farming but after his removal westward followed the lumber business in Illinois. Subsequently he made his home with his son, Dr. Conner, until 1890, and then went to live with another son at St. Joseph, Missouri, where he died in 1893. The Conner family numbered nine children, of whom the eldest, Alexander, died in infancy. Volney, the second son, was an engineer on the New York & Erie Railroad, now a part of the Lake Shore system, and had the notable record of being made an engineer when but sixteen years of age—the youngest in the service of the company. He was killed, however, in a railroad accident in 1855. Rodney, of St. Joseph, Missouri, enlisted when twenty-one years of age for service in the Civil war and was wounded and taken prisoner on the first day of the battle of Gettysburg, but was recaptured by the Union troops on the 2d. His injuries were so serious that for one year he remained in the hospital at Washington, D. C. He afterward went to the front, participating in the Virginia campaign but in the battle of the Wilderness he was again wounded and taken prisoner, being incarcerated at Andersonville, where he was paroled, this freedom being granted to all soldiers who were likely to live through the winter, thus saving to the Confederate army the cost of their maintenance. In 1877 he went to Nebraska, where he entered land, was married, and there resided until about 1889, when he went to St. Joseph, Missouri. Adaline, the fourth

member of the family, died when twenty-five years of age. Gilbert enlisted at the age of sixteen, serving throughout the entire period of the Civil war. He was wounded on the first day of the battle of Gettysburg but did not retire from duty, although the wound continued to trouble him throughout his after life. He became a contractor and builder at Springfield, Ohio, and met death by falling from a scaffold when engaged in the construction of a building. Florence Ayres, the next of the family, is also deceased. Alison, who had charge of all carpenter work for the St. Louis division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, was killed by falling from a scaffold two months after his brother met death in a similar manner. Dr. Conner was the eighth of the family. Herman, the youngest, died of diphtheria when five years of age.

When a lad of five years Dr. W. H. Conner was taken by his parents from New York to Crawford county, Pennsylvania, where the family lived for five years and thence removed westward to Rock Island county, Illinois, where they remained until 1878. In that year they became residents of Polk county, Nebraska, where they continued until 1890. In the meantime Dr. Conner went upon the Mississippi river as an engineer, having been granted a license when but twenty-one years of age. He had previously been employed on the river in different capacities from the age of thirteen years. Subsequent to the removal to Nebraska, he engaged in farming and also followed engineering and the painting trade, but thinking to find a professional career more congenial and also hoping to find it more profitable, he took up the study of medicine in 1890 in the Iowa State University at Iowa City, from which he was graduated on the 6th of March, 1893, receiving his M. D. degree. He then located for practice at Blue Grass, Scott county, Iowa, where he remained until 1894, since which time he has been a resident and practitioner of Fairfield. While he continues in the practice of medicine with good success he also makes a study of the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat and displays marked skill in that department of professional service. His ability as a general practitioner is also marked and he has long been numbered among the leading and successful representatives of the medical profession in Fairfield. He has always been a student of advanced medical literature and he further keeps in touch with the advanced work of the profession through his membership in the Jefferson County Medical Society, the Hahnemann Medical Association, the Illinois and the American Institute of Homeopathy.

On the 4th of June, 1877, Dr. Conner was united in marriage to Miss Mary Vanderveen, who was born in Darke county, Ohio, in 1853, and in 1861 was taken to Rock Island county, Illinois, by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Vanderveen. Dr. and Mrs. Conner now have an interesting

family of eight children: Harry W., a veterinary surgeon of Bloomfield, Iowa; Chauncey, a musician, of Kahoka, Missouri; Jessie, the wife of J. F. McEldery, a farmer of this county; John V., a dealer in pianos in Kahoka, Missouri; Gertrude, a teacher of vocal music; Gladys, at home; Clyde C., a piano salesman, of Alexandria, Minnesota; and Helen. Nearly all of the children are musicians and their musical talent adds to the enjoyment of a happy home. Dr. Conner holds membership with the Masonic fraternity, having taken the degrees of the York Rite and also crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and to the Commercial Club. He served as pension examiner under President Cleveland's second administration and has always been a democrat in politics. While in Nebraska he filled the office of county commissioner for two terms. He belongs to the Congregational church, in which he is a trustee and is always loyal to his professions. In every relation of life he measures up to a high standard of manhood and citizenship and in his chosen life work displays an unfaltering fidelity to the most advanced professional ethics.

ESTRUS W. NORTON.

Estrus W. Norton, enjoying an extensive and gratifying patronage as the proprietor of a livery stable at Lockridge, was born in Henry county, Iowa, on the 30th of May, 1876. His parents, Ambrose and Emma (Sammons) Norton, were likewise natives of this state. At an early day Ambrose Norton was taken by his parents to Henry county, where he acquired his education. He was reared to the work of the farm and as soon as old enough started out as an agriculturist on his own account, purchasing, clearing and improving a tract of land in Henry county. After having devoted his attention to the operation of that place for a few years he sold the property and purchased another farm in the same county, in the cultivation of which he was engaged for several years. Disposing of the property, he purchased a farm in Jefferson county and was busily engaged in its operation until called to his final rest on the 4th of July, 1908. His wife had passed away on the 27th of February, 1889.

Estrus W. Norton was reared and educated in his native county, pursuing his studies in the district schools. After putting aside his textbooks he spent four years working for his grandfather and subsequently found employment as a farm hand for two years. On the expiration of that period he rented his father's farm, devoting his attention to its operation for three years or until he came to Jefferson county. Here, in as-

sociation with his father, he purchased a farm of one hundred and eleven acres in Lockridge township, the further cultivation and improvement of which claimed his time and energies for eight years. He returned to Henry county and there operated a farm of two hundred acres for one year. At the end of that time he came back to his farm in Jefferson county, being busily engaged in tilling the soil for three more years. He then abandoned agricultural pursuits, leased his farm and took up his abode in Lockridge, where he purchased the livery stable and has since conducted the same. It is the only livery in town and as its proprietor Mr. Norton has built up an extensive and remunerative patronage. He still owns his farm in Lockridge township and is widely recognized as one of the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

On the 23d of March, 1897, Mr. Norton was united in marriage to Miss Lula Shuppy, a daughter of Henry and Anna (Smithline) Shuppy, both of whom were born in Jefferson county, Iowa, the former in Walnut township and the latter in Lockridge township. After attaining his majority Henry Shuppy began farming on his own account, purchasing a tract of land in Walnut township which he cleared and improved. He operated the place until March, 1910, when he leased the same and has since lived retired, though he still resides on one of his farms. His property holdings embrace two hundred and forty acres of land in Walnut township, this county, and one hundred and seventy-five acres in Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Norton have one child, Mina Pearl, who is now twelve years of age.

In politics Mr. Norton is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the United Brethren church, to which his wife also belongs. Fraternally he is identified with the Woodmen of the World and the Woodmen Circle. Wherever known he is respected for his unfaltering allegiance to the principles of honorable manhood as manifest in business and social relations and in public-spirited citizenship.

PERRY KING.

Perry King, filling the position of department oil inspector of Iowa, by appointment of the governor, and making his home in Fairfield, was born in Highland county, Ohio, May 26, 1844, his parents being Morris and Susannah (Landes) King. The father was born in New Jersey, December 5, 1796. He was an only son but had a number of sisters, and with the family he removed to Ohio in his childhood days, spending the remainder of his life there on a farm. He died in Highland county, May

4, 1851, at the age of fifty-five years. In the meantime he had cleared and improved two farms but his unflagging industry and hard work so undermined his health that death came to him when he should have been but in the prime of life. In early manhood he had wedded Susannah Landes, who was born in North Carolina, April 19, 1802. She long survived her husband and passed away in Highland county, April 27, 1893, when in her ninety-second year. Her mother was a Runnells, a native of North Carolina, and when thirteen years of age she accompanied her parents on their emigration to Kentucky and later removed to Ohio, where her death occurred. She survived an Indian massacre in her native state, being the only white child who escaped death at that time, managing to save herself by hiding in an old fashioned bake oven. Her daughter, Mrs. King, was one of the oldest residents of Highland county, not only in years but also in the length of her stay in that county. She became the mother of fourteen children, of whom six sons and seven daughters lived to marry and have families of their own, and the six boys never used tobacco in any form—a most creditable record. Jane, the first child of the family, died in infancy. The others were: Mary, the deceased wife of Solomon Holden; Mrs. Rebecca Miller, a widow, living in Des Moines; William, of O'Brien county, Iowa; Henry, who was shot down while working in a field on his farm in Missouri at the outbreak of the Civil war; Huldah Reams, deceased; John, who was a teacher and surveyor in Highland county for thirty years and died in Fairfield, while on a visit; Mrs. Margaret Stevens, a widow, of Highland county, Ohio, whose husband was in the Civil war; Allen, who served in Company G, Thirtieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war and is now deceased; Mrs. Eliza Ferris, a widow, of Highland county, Ohio, whose husband also was in the struggle between the north and the south; Mrs. Sarah Perry, of Marion, Indiana; Robert, who served in the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and died in Columbus, Ohio; Perry, of this review; and Mrs. Gelina Custar, of Marion, Indiana.

Perry King, who was next to the youngest in this large family of fourteen children, resided in his native county until he came to Iowa in 1880. In the meantime he had acquired his education in common and select schools and had early become familiar with the work of the farm. When fourteen years of age he began teaching and at the age of sixteen was employed as a teacher in the public schools. He followed that profession for twenty years and was principal of the schools at Lynchburg, just prior to coming to Iowa. Following his arrival in Fairfield in 1880, he embarked in the grocery business in partnership with his brother Allen, under the firm style of Allen King & Brother, this connection being maintained for eight years. Perry King was afterward in business alone until

1898, when he sold out. He then enjoyed a rest of two years, after which he went upon the road as a traveling representative for a year for the Iowa Independent Order of Odd Fellows, making collections and securing subscribers for their paper. Subsequently he was with the firm of Springer & Stubbs, of California, for whom he sold imported horses and afterward he sold stock food for a local company. For three years he was agent for the Grand Union Tea Company, of New York, continuing in that position until the 11th of February, 1901, since which time he has been deputy oil inspector of Iowa under appointment of the governor.

Mr. King is well known in fraternal circles. On the 22d of June, 1872, he joined Lafayette Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F. at Hillsboro, Ohio, and after coming to this state was transferred to Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, at Fairfield, and when Fairfield Lodge, No. 625, I. O. O. F. was organized, he became one of its charter members. He is also connected with Rebekah Lodge, No. 386, and he belongs to George Strong Post, No. 19, G. A. R. His political support has ever been given to the republican party, which was the defender of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war and has ever been the party of reform and progress. His religious faith is evidenced in his attendance in the Congregational church.

Mr. King has been married twice. On the 15th of May, 1865, he wedded Phoebe Ann Berry, who was born in Highland county, Ohio, December 25, 1841, and died in Fairfield, Iowa, October 4, 1889. She was a daughter of John Berry, and by her marriage became the mother of five children: Emma E., the eldest, married Elmer E. Mattox and they have been missionaries in Hang-chau, China, for the past seventeen years, under the auspices of the Presbyterian church. She is a graduate of Parsons College of Fairfield and also of a Chicago college. Mary E., the second daughter, is the wife of C. H. Bundy, of Fathigarh, India. They, too, have been missionaries for the past sixteen years, being sent to a foreign field by the Presbyterian board. Mrs. Bundy is likewise a graduate of Parsons College and of a Council Bluffs college. Gelina C. is the wife of F. D. Kerrick, of Fairfield, and is a graduate of the high school of this city; Wirt B., has for a number of years been a traveling salesman for the Carr Manufacturing Company, of Kansas City and lives in Fairfield. Lee A., a graduate of the Gem City Commercial College, of Quincy, Illinois, is now chief clerk and auditor of the National City Bank, of Chicago. On the 24th of December, 1890, Mr. King was again married, his second union being with Miss Hadassah M. Black, who was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, June 22, 1845, and has always resided in this county. Her parents are Moses and Nancy (Glasgow) Black, natives of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, respectively. They came to Jefferson county in 1844, entered land in Des Moines township, and were thereafter

honored pioneer residents of this section until death. Mr. King has become widely known during the thirty-one years of his residence in Fairfield and has the social qualities and sterling worth which have won for him the high regard and warm friendship of many with whom he has been brought in contact.

BENJAMIN BARNES.

Benjamin Barnes is now living retired in Fairfield, a life of well directed activity in following the plasterer's trade having brought him the comfortable competence that now enables him to spend the evening of his days in rest from further labor. Moreover, he deserves mention in this volume from the fact that for more than a half century he has lived in Fairfield, having come to this city in 1855. Its history is well known to him, for he has witnessed its growth and development through many decades. His birth occurred in Richland county, Ohio, about four and a half miles east of Mansfield, on the 12th of March, 1834, his parents being Thomas and Sarah J. (Case) Barnes, natives of Maryland and New Jersey, respectively. They were married, however, in Ohio, and in 1855 came with their son Benjamin to Fairfield, where they afterward resided. The father, who followed farming throughout his entire life, died in 1884 at the venerable age of eighty-six years, while his wife passed away when fifty-four years of age. In their family were seven children: Elizabeth and Samuel, both of whom are deceased; Benjamin; Julia and Susan, who died in this county; Sadie, the widow of Guy Beatty, of Fairfield, and one who died in infancy.

Benjamin Barnes was twenty-one years of age when he came to Iowa. His youth had been passed on his father's farm in Ohio, and his educational opportunities were those afforded by the public schools. He early learned the plasterer's trade and has made it his life work, continuously following that business until the last three years, during which time he has lived retired. He thoroughly mastered the trade in early manhood and because of the excellence of his labor and his reliable business methods, he was accorded a liberal patronage.

In 1859 Mr. Barnes was married in Fairfield to Miss Mary E. Wilson, who was born in Covington, Indiana, April 22, 1835, and came to Iowa with her parents in 1837. She is a daughter of Grinder and Eleanor B. (Walker) Wilson, the father born in North Carolina and the mother in Kentucky. They were farming people and spent their last days in Fairfield but on coming to Iowa, took up their abode near Mount Pleas-

ant. Their family numbered four sons and four daughters, who lived to mature years, while one child died in infancy, these being: John Milton, Catherine, Isaac, James, Joshua, Prudence and Ellen, all now deceased; Mary, who is the only one now living; and Francis, who died in infancy. Mrs. Barnes is today the oldest resident of Jefferson county in years of connection with this part of the state, for there is no one living here that came prior to 1837. This was two years before the county was organized by the territorial legislature and she remembers well when the state was admitted to the Union. She relates many interesting incidents of the early days when the broad prairies were covered with their native grasses, when the timber was uncut and when deer and other wild game were to be had in abundance. Indians, too, were more numerous than the white settlers in this part of the state and the work of improvement and progress had scarcely been begun. Mr. Barnes, too, is one of the oldest settlers here, having for fifty-six years lived in Fairfield. In politics he is a republican, supporting the party since its organization, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has always lived up to his profession and his life has been an honorable, upright one.

WILLIAM L. BANKHEAD.

William L. Bankhead, who for the past three years has capably discharged the duties devolving upon him in the capacity of postmaster at Lockridge, has long devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits and still resides on his farm near Coal Port. His birth occurred in Pennsylvania on the 27th of September, 1852, his parents being James and Mary (Dalton) Bankhead, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of the Keystone state. Emigrating to America, James Bankhead first located in British Columbia and subsequently removed to Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in coal mining. In 1853 he came to Jefferson county, Iowa, locating near Fairfield. He opened the first coal mine in this county in association with John Heron, with whom he remained in partnership about four years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Lockridge township and opened a mine at what is now called Coal Port, continuing its operation until about sixty years of age. The remainder of his life was spent in honorable retirement in the home of our subject, his demise occurring on the 4th of May, 1898. He had been a resident of this county forty-five years and had won many warm friends within its borders. His wife was called to her final rest on the 16th of June, 1896.

William L. Bankhead was reared to manhood in Jefferson county and largely acquired his education in the district schools of Lockridge township. After putting aside his text-books he remained on the home farm and assisted in its operation until thirty years of age, when he purchased the tract of land in Lockridge township which has remained in his possession continuously since and in the cultivation and improvement of which he has been busily engaged. In 1908 he was appointed postmaster at Lockridge and has since filled the office in a most satisfactory and commendable manner. In the conduct of his agricultural interests he has also met with success and is widely recognized as one of the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

In September, 1882, Mr. Bankhead was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Graber, a daughter of Christian and Fanny (Weise) Graber, both of whom were natives of France. The father, who became one of the earliest settlers of Jefferson county, Iowa, purchased land from the government and began its improvement. To the cultivation of that property he devoted his time and energies throughout the remainder of his life, passing away in 1887. The demise of his wife occurred in 1879. Mr. and Mrs. Bankhead have two children, namely: Bertha M., the wife of Lewis Boos, a merchant of Lockridge, Iowa; and Gladys F., editor of the Lockridge Herald.

Mr. Bankhead is a stanch republican in politics and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to several positions of public trust. He has served as trustee of Lockridge township for eight years, has acted as constable for a similar period and for a number of years served as school director. He is a stockholder in the Fairfield Chautauqua Association and is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity. In religious faith he is a Baptist. Brought to this county by his parents when but a year old, he has since remained within its borders. In all the relations of life he has been true to high and honorable principles and has never faltered in a choice between right and wrong but has always endeavored to follow a course that his judgment and his conscience have sanctioned.

WILLIAM LOUDEN.

There is perhaps in all this history no better example of what determination, ability and industry can accomplish than is to be found in the life history of William Louden, now vice president and superintendent of the Louden Machinery Company, of Fairfield. Today he is one of the owners

of a splendidly developed plant for the manufacture of barn equipments and has become a recognized authority upon this subject, his counsel being sought in national consideration of this question. Jefferson county has every reason to be proud of his record, for it is here that he has overcome the almost insurmountable difficulties and obstacles that have confronted him and worked his way upward until he stands among the most enterprising and prosperous men of this section of the state. Moreover, he has been a resident of the county for sixty-nine years and at all times has been interested in its progress and has cooperated in its public projects to the extent of his ability.

Mr. Loudon was born October 16, 1841, in Cassville, Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, a son of Andrew and Jane (Speer) Loudon, both of whom were natives of County Antrim, Ireland, having been born about seven miles north of Belfast. The father's birth occurred May 4, 1811, and the mother's on the 18th of April, 1813. The Loudon family originated in Scotland, where the clan became well known and representatives of the name emigrated to Ireland during the time of the religious persecution of the Presbyterians. Members of the Speer family intermarried with the English, so that that strain was also introduced. Andrew Loudon and Jane Speer were married on the Emerald isle, January 6, 1840, and in the spring of the following year as passengers on a sailing vessel reached the new world. They made their way to Pennsylvania to join Mrs. Loudon's brother, Robert Speer, and in the spring of 1842 came to Jefferson county, Iowa, arriving on the 1st of May. The family made the journey by river from Pennsylvania to Burlington and the men walked the entire distance from that city to Fairfield. The father worked the first winter in a mill and the next spring purchased land in Cedar township, seven miles southeast of Fairfield. He became the owner of about five hundred acres and later secured an additional tract of school land. He resided thereon throughout the remainder of his days and converted the tract of wild prairie into richly cultivated fields. He was a hard working pioneer farmer and his labor constituted an important element in the early development of this section of the county. His death occurred February 28, 1884, and his wife passed away February 24, 1878. Their children were nine in number: John, who died in infancy in Ireland; William; Agnes, the deceased wife of John Dill; Mary, who passed away at the age of three years; John Speer, who died on a farm in this county, March 7, 1911; Andrew, living at Vallejo, California; James and Thomas, residents of Fairfield; and Robert B., who is a partner of his brother William in the Loudon Machinery Company.

William Loudon has been a resident of Jefferson county from the age of six months, or for sixty-nine years. He resided upon the home farm

until 1870 and since that time has lived in Fairfield. His youthful days were divided between the work of the fields and the attainment of an education in the country schools. He also became a student in Axline's University, at Fairfield, and prior to his marriage engaged in teaching school for three terms. He afterward concentrated his energies upon farm work and as he busied himself with the duties incident to that occupation he began to feel that methods might be improved and brought his mechanical skill and inventive ingenuity to bear upon the questions that continually arose before him. At length he worked out some of his plans for the improvement of barn fixtures and in 1870 and 1871 built his first factory for the manufacture of barn equipment and farm machinery. He has since figured in the business circles of Jefferson county as an inventor and manufacturer and of him it has been written: "His first patent for a hay carrier was dated September 24, 1867, and his last patent for a cattle stanchion was dated April 25, 1911. What a tale of trials and tribulations and final triumph is contained in these eventful forty-four years! When he began his work he was a farmer boy with a rather frail constitution, and the hard work on a pioneer farm caused him to study how it might be made easier as well as more effective. It was a serious undertaking for a green country boy in a pioneer community where there were no manufacturing facilities, and where the thought of the people ran in an entirely different direction. In these old pioneer days brawn and muscle were relied upon to win, and one who tried to find an easier way to do things was not generally considered with favor. He was most frequently looked upon as lazy or trifling, and as trying to shirk his part of the work. Consequently, not one in a hundred who made attempts along this line ever succeeded; nor was it any better in manufacturing. Many manufacturing attempts were made in Fairfield before any proved successful. A number of efforts were made in the early days to make standard goods, such as the Manny reaper, the Weir cultivator, the separating threshing machine, and also wagons, plows, furniture, woolen goods, etc., all of which had to be discontinued. Manufacturing facilities, as well as the manufacturing spirit, were then undeveloped, and available capital could be more profitably employed in farming and selling the natural fertility of the soil without any regard to questions of conservation. These were the conditions under which William Loudon undertook to establish his business, and he was destined to have no easy time. In those days no one would think of buying anything for the protection or comfort of a cow. The sheltered side of a strawstack was good enough for her, and she was fortunate, indeed, if she could secure this shelter. No money could be made in selling milk or butter because everybody 'kept a cow.' The 'town cows' got much of their living by 'hopping farmers' wagons'

and filching the feed for the horses, and sometimes the cow paid dearly for her dinner in the beating given her by the enraged farmer. The hay fork and carrier were at first the chief reliance of the business, and even that was exceedingly slim compared with what it became in later years. Barns were few, and were generally built low and full of timbers, so that a hay fork and carrier could not be used to much advantage. Occasionally, a sturdy farmhand would offer to bet that he could pitch more hay than any 'patent hay fork' and sometimes he could, for in many cases all he had to do was to roll the hay down off the load into the mow on the floor below. In time, farmers saw the advantage of the hay carrier, and began to build barns accordingly—thus more than doubling the storage capacity. This, however, had to be waited for, and the prospects ahead did not supply present needs. Notwithstanding all these obstacles and discouragements, the business grew and increased until it has finally become world wide."

Between the years 1871 and 1876, Mr. Loudon engaged in the general manufacture of farm machinery but the hard times came on and the hour did not seem ripe for an industry of that character, so that he at length failed, finding himself not only penniless but in debt and with a family to support. He procured on credit a span of horses and an old wagon, all worth not exceeding seventy-five dollars, and proceeded to canvass the country and put up hay carriers and other equipments in the barns of his farmer friends. Seven years passed in this way, during which time he made enough to support his family and keep his business going. More than that, he gained knowledge from this experience that has been of inestimable value to him in his later work. After the seven years' test period had passed he concentrated his energies upon the development of his manufactory and prior to 1889 conducted the business alone with such assistance as was given him by his faithful wife. In that year his brother R. B. Loudon was induced to become a member of the company and three years later J. C. Fulton acquired an interest in the business which has been organized and incorporated under the name of the Loudon Machinery Company, with R. B. Loudon president, William Loudon, vice president and superintendent, and Mr. Fulton, as secretary-treasurer. William Loudon looks after the development of the goods and all three of the partners participate in the general management of the business. The quality of the products has received recognition throughout the country, as is manifest in the fact that the facilities of manufacture have been constantly extended and increased until the plant in Fairfield is now a very large one, covering a great amount of ground. It is splendidly equipped with machinery necessary for manufacture in every line and everything in barn equipment is here made, every modern appliance being approved

by the best authorities for scientific and practical dairy farming. Moreover, they have a second factory of almost equal size to supply the trade of Canada and the British empire. The trade through other foreign countries is also rapidly increasing with every promise of continued growth and expansion in the future.

William Loudon has come to be a recognized authority throughout the country on the subject of barn equipment and the care of cattle and other stock, and his methods have shown that the value of a milk-producing animal may be greatly enhanced by proper care. In 1908 he was appointed by Governor Cummins to the White House conference for the conservation of natural resources, one of three appointed in Iowa. In 1907 at a meeting of the Manufacturers Association in Iowa at Council Bluffs, he read a paper on the agricultural schools of Iowa. This so extended his reputation that the appointment to the White House conference was made. The factories of the Loudon Machinery Company have been for the past two years profitable enterprises and in Fairfield alone employment is furnished to one hundred workmen. Mr. Loudon has also been largely responsible for the organization and development of the Iowa Malleable Iron Company, which now employs one hundred and twenty-five workmen, and of which he is also president. He is likewise a stockholder in the Hawkeye Pump Company, a director in the Manufacturers Insurance Company, at Waterloo, Iowa, and a director of the Chautauqua Association at Fairfield.

On the 2d of January, 1868, Mr. Loudon was married to Miss Mary Jane Pattison, who was born in Cedar township, January 2, 1849, and has always resided within the borders of this county. Her parents, Alexander and Elizabeth (Craig) Pattison, were natives of Ireland, where they were reared. They were married, however, in New York, and in 1840 came to Jefferson county, Iowa, Mr. Pattison having previously visited the county and entered land from the government in Cedar township. Subsequently their entire lives were passed in this district, the death of Mrs. Pattison occurring on the old home farm, while Mr. Pattison passed away in Fairfield, where he had lived retired for about a year. Mrs. Loudon is the only one of their five children who reached adult age, and by her marriage she has become the mother of four children: Helen Craig, who died November 7, 1901, at the age of thirty years; Agnes Mary, the wife of A. A. Fry, manager of the St. Paul branch of the Loudon Machinery Company, who have a son William Loudon Fry; Arthur Clare, who resides at home, and is married; and Robert Bruce, of Fairfield, who is married and has a son, Robert William. The family residence is one of the beautiful homes of Fairfield, at No. 501 West Washington street, and was built by Mr. Loudon in 1896-7.

The record of Mr. Loudon as made in the business world is indeed an enviable one and yet it does not comprise the extent of his activity, for in many public connections his work and worth have been felt. He votes with the democracy and has been an earnest advocate of Bryan but is not a politician in the sense of office seeking. He holds membership with the Knights of Pythias and with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is a director of the Jefferson County Old Settlers Park Association and a member of the Old Settlers Association. He was appointed in connection with A. W. McElroy, editor of the Tribune, and of J. S. McKinney a member of the committee, to lay the proposition of building the new court house before the people. They succeeded in the task which they undertook, presenting the matter in such an advantageous way that the campaign in support of the project was successful, although the question had previously been voted down several times. Mr. Loudon was largely instrumental in having extended the former short courses in agriculture and has done much to further the interests of agricultural education in the state, knowing how valuable is scientific training for the farmer that he may extend the possibilities that lay before him in the cultivation of the soil and the raising of stock. While his own labors have been crowned with substantial success, his life has also been one of intense usefulness to the community and to the country at large. He has contributed much to the world's work and may well be termed a benefactor by the agricultural community, yet he remains today the same genial gentleman, whose simplicity of manner and unfeigned cordiality gained him friendship and high regard wherever he is known.

JOHN O. SAMUELSON.

An excellent farm of two hundred and forty acres with splendid improvements upon it is the property of John O. Samuelson, whose home is on section 20, Black Hawk township. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished because his advancement is due to his untiring industry, sound business judgment and capable management. He was born in Sweden, July 9, 1854, a son of Samuel and Gertrude Sophia (Anderson) Samuelson, who were also natives of Sweden, in which country the mother died when her son John was about fourteen years of age. The father was a farmer by occupation and in 1870 he sailed for America, settling first in New Jersey. He afterward made his way westward to Chicago where for thirteen months he worked at any employment that would yield him an honest living and enable him to provide for his family. On the expira-

tion of that period he came to Jefferson county, Iowa, settling near Salina where he lived for one year, after which he removed to a farm in Black Hawk township. Upon that place he spent the remainder of his life, working diligently and with determination to improve the property until his labor resulted in the development of well cultivated fields which annually returned to him good harvests as the reward for his industry. In 1870 he had been married a second time, having in New York city wedded Miss Charlotta Blomgren, a native of Sweden, who is now living in Packwood, this county. The father of our subject, however, passed away April 28, 1908.

John O. Samuelson crossed the Atlantic a short time before his father made the voyage, remaining at Hagerstown, New Jersey, until the father arrived. With him he came to the middle west and has been a resident of Jefferson county since 1872. His education was all acquired in his native land and after arriving in America his time and energies were all devoted to the work of assisting his father in the development and improvement of the farm. At length he determined to start out in life on his own account and rented land in Jefferson county from C. C. Holton. For twenty years he and his father leased this property and cultivated it together, at the end of which time John O. Samuelson invested his earnings in one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 20, Black Hawk township, on which he now resides. Since that time he has extended the boundaries of his farm by an additional purchase of eighty acres and today has one of the best improved properties in this section of the county. It is equipped with all modern accessories and in the midst of the farm stands an elegant residence. Near it are substantial and commodious barns and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock and these in turn are surrounded by highly cultivated fields. Six years ago on account of his health Mr. Samuelson had to give up the active work of the farm and now rents his land yet gives personal supervision to the work. He has made his home upon this place for sixteen years.

On the 25th of March, 1885, occurred the marriage of Mr. Samuelson and Miss Hilda Louise Blomgren, a daughter of Carl and Mary (Anderson) Blomgren, both of whom were natives of Sweden, in which country the father was superintendent of a writing paper manufacturing plant. In the fall of 1885 he and his family came to the United States, settling in Packwood, Jefferson county, Iowa. He was born in 1815 and died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuelson July 18, 1899. His wife was born April 2, 1824, and passed away in Packwood in June, 1911. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Samuelson have been born a son and daughter. The former, Verne S., born February 24, 1886, is a graduate of the Iowa Wesleyan University and College at Mount Pleasant, and is now in the employ of

the Copeland drug store in Fairfield, Iowa. Edna, residing at home with her parents, is a graduate of the Iowa Wesleyan Academy at Mount Pleasant, and was a student in the Wesleyan University, while at the present time she is taking a course of music in Parsons College, at Fairfield.

The parents are faithful and devoted members of the Swedish Lutheran church of Packwood and the daughter holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church there. In politics Mr. Samuelson is a stanch republican who believes in holding firmly to the principles and the policy of the party. He is now serving as a trustee of Black Hawk township and is a public-spirited citizen whose interest in the welfare and progress of the community has been manifest in many tangible ways. He has never had occasion to regret that the family came to America in his youthful days. He found a welcome on the free soil of this country and opportunities which the old country might not have afforded him. Here where labor is unhampered by caste or class he has steadily worked his way upward and is today one of the valued and representative citizens of Black Hawk township.

CHARLES M. THOMPSON.

Charles M. Thompson, who remained a resident of Jefferson county from 1850 until his death on the 28th of August, 1897, devoted his attention to farming interests throughout his active business career and won a gratifying measure of prosperity in his undertakings in this connection. His birth occurred in Highland county, Ohio, on the 19th of September, 1833, his parents being Jeremiah and Abigail (Hart) Thompson. Jeremiah Thompson, who was born in Chatham county, North Carolina, in 1800, removed to Ohio with his parents when a youth of thirteen years and there later followed farming. He also took an active interest in political affairs as an advocate of the democracy and was several times elected to positions of public trust and responsibility. In March, 1850, he came to Jefferson county, Iowa, and purchased what was known as the Cameron farm, comprising one hundred and sixty acres of cleared land and eighty acres of timber. He immediately began the task of improving the place and was busily engaged in its operation throughout the remainder of his life. He became widely recognized as a substantial and progressive citizen of the community and it was largely because of his efforts that the Birmingham Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was organized. His demise occurred on the 5th of July, 1875,



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while his wife was called to her final rest on the 7th of February, 1891, when eighty years of age.

Charles M. Thompson, who was a youth of seventeen when he came with his parents to Iowa, spent the remainder of his life within the borders of Jefferson county. During the years 1855 and 1856 he leased and operated the Rutledge homestead, the widowed owner of which was the mother of Anne Rutledge, the first love of Abraham Lincoln. Eventually he bought a tract of land in Liberty township, cleared and improved the property and subsequently augmented his holdings by additional purchase until at one time he owned four hundred and eighty-six acres of rich and productive land. General agricultural pursuits claimed his attention throughout his active business career and yielded him a gratifying annual income. He was largely instrumental in the organization of the county fair and for twelve years served as a member of its board of directors.

Mr. Thompson was married twice. On the 19th of March, 1854, he wedded Miss Sarah Jane McGuire, by whom he had eleven children, as follows: James Benton; Silas Madison; Erastus Emery, who passed away in 1869; Ellen; Minnie; Avery R.; Omar; Cora, whose demise occurred in 1869; Walter; Simon; and Clark. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1880 and on the 15th of December, 1886, Mr. Thompson was again married, his second union being with Miss Clara Mealey, a daughter of James and Anna Mealey, who were early settlers of Keokuk county but are now deceased. Mrs. Thompson is a niece of the late well known physician, Dr. Mealey, of Pleasant Plain. After her husband's demise Mrs. Thompson adopted a little girl, Violet M. Kutz, who is now attending the Liberty Ladies' College at Liberty, Missouri.

At the polls Mr. Thompson supported the prohibition party, firmly believing that the liquor traffic should be suppressed in the best interests of the nation. He belonged to the Christian church at Fairfield, of which his widow is also a devoted and consistent member. The latter makes her home in Penn township and has an extensive circle of friends, her many good traits of heart and mind having endeared her to all with whom she has come in contact.

JOHN S. KURTZ.

John S. Kurtz is one of the highly successful farmers and stockmen of Black Hawk township, where he is engaged in the operation of the farm upon which he was born. His birth occurred in April, 1872, his parents being John and Caroline (Weyer) Kurtz, the father a native of

Germany and the mother of Mississippi. In his early childhood John Kurtz emigrated to the United States with his parents, who located in Jefferson county. Here he finished his schooling and assisted his father on the farm until he attained his majority when he went to Burlington and took a position on the railroad. He continued to follow this occupation in various capacities during the succeeding nine years. Having always been trained to appreciate the value of economy, he was prudent in his habits of living and his expenditures and during that time saved enough to buy a quarter section of land at Keota. When he gave up railroading he sold this and invested the returns in a tract of raw land in Jefferson county. He most energetically applied himself to clearing and placing under cultivation his newly acquired land with gratifying results. As his means permitted he extended the boundaries of his farm until at one time he owned four hundred acres of land, and continued to devote his activities to the further improvement of his holdings until his death in 1890. The mother passed away in 1887.

Until he was fifteen years of age John S. Kurtz was reared under the parental roof and attended the district schools in the vicinity. Following the death of his mother he made his home with an elder brother, until such time as he was able to make his own way in the world, when he applied himself to the cultivation of a tract of sixty acres of land north of the old home, that had been left to him by his father. Owing to the intelligent and practical direction of his energies his undertaking proved so successful that he was later able to add another forty acres to his holdings. When he had operated his farm for about seven years he sold it and bought the old homestead, and here he has ever since resided. This place consists of one hundred and twenty acres of fertile land, all under high cultivation. During the period of his ownership, Mr. Kurtz has effected such improvements as he has been able to afford from his earnings, striving to keep abreast with the progressive spirit of modern methods in his vocation. In connection with the tilling of his fields, that are almost entirely devoted to cereals, he makes a specialty of stock-raising. He annually prepares for the market from fifty to sixty hogs and keeps twenty head of cattle and about thirteen horses.

In January, 1897, Mr. Kurtz was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Kaufman, a daughter of Jacob Kaufman. She was a native of Germany, where her parents spent their entire lives, the mother passing away during her childhood. To Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz were born three children: Angeline, who is thirteen; Gerald, a lad of twelve; and Myron, who is nine years of age. After an illness of three days the wife and mother was called to her final rest, January 18, 1903. On January 27, 1904, Mr. Kurtz married Mrs. Clara Gelski Peck, a daughter of Stanislaus and

Martha (Kurka) Gelski. The father was born on the Atlantic ocean, a son of Polish emigrants, while the mother, whose birth occurred in the United States, is also of Polish extraction. In the early '60s Mr. Gelski came with his parents to Jefferson county, where they engaged in farming. After finishing his schooling he worked out until he had sufficient means to buy some land in Walnut township that he improved and operated until 1909. He then disposed of his farm and removed to Missouri, where he continues to follow agricultural pursuits. Of Mr. Kurtz's second marriage there have been born three children: Veronica, seven years of age; Johnnie, who is six, and Martha, who has passed the first anniversary of her birth. Mrs. Kurtz has a son by a former marriage, Thomas Peck, who was born August 4, 1900, and now makes his home with his mother.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz are communicants of the Roman Catholic church and he votes the democratic ticket. He takes an interest in the township political activities and is now serving as a township trustee. In the promotion of the agricultural development of this section, Mr. Kurtz is contributing his full quota as is attested by the well kept and attractive appearance of his property.

LEVI G. MYERS.

Levi G. Myers, a veteran of the Civil war, is living retired in the village of Packwood but is still the owner of a good farm property which he personally cultivated for many years, making it one of the most attractive features of the landscape in Polk township. He was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, September 13, 1846, his parents being Stephen and Sarah (Huffman) Myers, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state, where they were reared and married, residing there until 1855, when they came to Jefferson county, Iowa. The father secured a farm on section 34, Polk township, and there they took up their abode, making it their home until August, 1872, when both died within a week. They were respected and worthy residents of the community and their loss was the occasion of deep regret to all who knew them.

Levi G. Myers was a pupil in the public schools of Pennsylvania until the family came to Iowa, when he continued his education in the district schools of Polk township. He also attended the Axline school in Fairfield for two terms. On the home farm he received thorough training that cultivated in him habits of industry and enterprise. He continued with his father until he had attained his majority and then started out in life for himself by renting a farm in Polk township. He carefully

saved his earnings and after a short time purchased a part of the old homestead, upon which he resided for forty years. During that period he converted the place into one of the fine farms of the county, adding to it many modern improvements and bringing the fields under a high state of cultivation. In 1910, however, he came to Packwood, purchasing town property here and renting his farm.

In early manhood—when about seventeen and a half years of age—Levi G. Myers gave practical evidence of his loyalty to his country by enlisting at Abingdon, Iowa, on the 22d of February, 1864, as a member of Company K, Seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war. He was mustered in at Davenport and was at once sent to the front, taking part in several engagements, including the battle of Lay's Ferry, Georgia. He also marched with Sherman to the sea whereby the Confederacy was proven to be but an empty shell, the troops having been drawn from the interior to protect the border. He also took part in the campaign through the Carolinas and marched in the grand review at Washington, on the 23d of May, 1865, when thousands of victorious troops passed through the streets of the capital and by the reviewing stand, where the president greeted the returning army. At length he was honorably discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, July 12, 1865. He was then but eighteen years of age and yet he has met with most of the hard experiences of military life.

When the war was over Mr. Myers returned to Iowa and resumed farming, adding to his original purchase a tract of one hundred and forty-eight acres, making his farm one of two hundred and forty acres. As a companion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Miss Mary A. Longerbone, whom he wedded in Jefferson county October 3, 1867. She was born in Ohio, a daughter of Parker and Lucinda (Grist) Longerbone, who were natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania respectively. The year 1865 witnessed their arrival in Jefferson county, at which time they located in Polk township, where the father's death occurred upon his farm in 1889. His wife survived him until 1897, and also passed away on the old homestead. Mr. Myers was called upon to mourn the loss of his first wife on the 8th of February, 1883. The children of that marriage were five in number. Otho B., the eldest, is a member of the firm of Caviness & Myers, dealers in hardware, farm implements and automobiles in Packwood. He married Miss Bertha Moorman, of that place. Clara, the second of the family, is the wife of J. S. Snyder, a resident farmer of Polk township, and they have one child, Perry. Merta is the wife of James A. Caldwell, a cement manufacturer of Hedrick, Iowa, and they have seven children, Ray, Fay, Mary Leola, Edna, Hazel, Mark and Lucile. Raymond, the fourth of the family, is a farmer of the state of Washington, who is mar-

ried and has one child, Grace. Leroy is engaged in farming in Arkansas. On the 30th of May, 1884, Mr. Myers was again married, at which time Miss Martha B. Hinton became his wife. She was born in Jefferson county, a daughter of Ezekiel and Arena (Ramey) Hinton, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Ohio. They came to Iowa at an early day, locating in Jefferson county in the '50s, and here the father engaged in teaching school and in farming. He died in Wapello county in 1859 and was long survived by his wife, whose death occurred in Polk township, this county, in 1895. The children of Mr. Myers' second marriage are Floyd G. and Lester G. The latter, ten years of age, is attending school in Packwood. The former took charge of the old homestead farm when his father removed to Packwood. He married Susan Baker, of Abingdon, Iowa, and they have three children, Irene, Claude and Erma.

Mr. Myers votes with the republican party and has been somewhat prominent in local political ranks. He served as assessor of Polk township for six years, in 1889 was a member of the county board of supervisors, serving on the board when the county court house was built, and in 1890 was enumerator for Polk township. He also served as secretary of the township school board for thirty years and as school director for several years, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion whose labors have been an effective force in raising the standards of public instruction in his locality. Both he and his wife are devoted members of the Baptist church and for a number of years he held membership with the Grand Army of the Republic. He is still affiliated with Abingdon Lodge, No. 468, I. O. O. F., of Abingdon. He is one of the well known and highly respected residents of Polk township and is as true and loyal to the best interests of citizenship today as when he followed the old flag upon southern battlefields. In business, too, he has been found thoroughly reliable, his success coming to him as the legitimate outcome of earnest, persistent and honorable effort.

WILLIAM BRUCE FRAME.

A resident of Jefferson county, Iowa, for fifty-two years, William Bruce Frame has been a witness of the countless changes which time has wrought in the country round about him. He came to this section of the country when Iowa was a part of that great wild prairie almost untouched by civilization, which was only beginning to push its way over the hitherto formidable barrier, the Mississippi river, and has lived to see the land plotted out in rich farms yielding abundant crops and affording wealth to

thousands of families who unlocked the gates of fortune by tilling the soil. He was born in Wayne county, Indiana, June 16, 1836, and was a son of Joseph M. and Susan (Cobourn) Frame, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Delaware. On September 25, in the year 1841, Joseph M. Frame brought his family from Indiana to Iowa, establishing his new home near Salem, Henry county, where he opened a blacksmith shop, which he operated for five years. He then purchased eighty acres of land in Henry county and set about to clear and improve this farm, cultivating it until 1883, when he sold and removed to Nebraska. Still active and in good health, he continued his agricultural pursuits and bought a farm which he operated until his death, February 18, 1888. His wife survived him thirteen years, departing this life in March, 1901.

W. B. Frame pursued his education in the schools of Salem, in Henry county, Iowa, and was reared to the duties of farming, mastering the many phases of this occupation thoroughly before reaching maturity. At the age of twenty-three years he left the parental roof in order to engage in farming for himself and after his marriage came to Jefferson county to establish his new home. Here he rented a farm and worked in the fields for two years, when the results of his industry enabled him to buy a farm, choosing for this purpose a site of one hundred and one acres in Round Prairie township. With characteristic energy and application he devoted his efforts to clearing the land and has improved this farm ever since that time, having occupied it now for fifty years. Scarcely a farmer in Jefferson county is better known than Mr. Frame for his long connection with agricultural interests and his intimate acquaintance with every chapter in the history of this county.

On November 3, 1859, Mr. Frame was united in marriage to Miss Harriet N. Tilford, a daughter of James and Mary (Workman) Tilford, natives of Virginia. Mrs. Frame's parents were reared in Kentucky, whence they removed to Illinois, and in 1835 to Jefferson county, Iowa, being interested in the agricultural development of the newly opened country. They entered from the government six hundred and forty acres of land in Round Prairie township and this they cleared and improved, dividing it into three farms. Mr. Tilford cultivated the land on this place until his death, December 28, 1860, his wife having passed away the previous spring, on April 28th. Mr. and Mrs. Frame were the parents of five children: Mary and Susan, who are living at home; Joseph C., who is married and assumes the chief responsibility in operating his father's farm; John T., who died in 1877; and Julia A., who died in 1872. A heavy shadow was cast over the Frame home by the long continued ill health of Mrs. Frame, her death occurring in November, 1905, after having been an invalid for forty years.

In his political affiliations Mr. Frame is in sympathy with the republican party and in his religious faith he subscribes to the tenets of the Baptist church. He is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to Fairfield lodge. In connection with his agricultural interests Mr. Frame acted as secretary of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company for twenty-three years, having just recently resigned from this position. He is a man of strong personality and much stability of character, and possesses many friends who regard him with high esteem.

REECE WOLFE.

Many of the early settlers of Jefferson county have passed away and it is a public duty and honor to perpetuate the memory of these men who endured the hardships of the pioneer and fulfilled their obligations to posterity by opening up new territories. The greater number of these pioneers were men of sterling worth, who lived and worked for the welfare of their families and community without seeking the applause of the outer world. Such a man was Reece Wolfe, whose birth occurred in Greene county, Ohio, on March 17, 1841, his parents being William and Margaret (Elliott) Wolfe. The father was a native of New York state and in early life was engaged in school-teaching in Greene county, Ohio, but after coming to Iowa in the late '50s took up farming. He settled in Keokuk county, two miles northwest of Packwood, just across the line from Jefferson county, and here the son spent his early life, attending the district school and assisting his father on the home place. The latter passed away in 1863 and the mother's death occurred in 1872.

When Reece Wolfe was twenty-one years of age he enlisted in Company F, Seventeenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and served for three years, after which he again enlisted and was in service until the close of the war. He took part in many important engagements and skirmishes, among them being the battle of Jacksonville and the siege of Vicksburg. At one time he was taken prisoner and sent to Andersonville but was later transferred to Libby Prison, from which place he was exchanged just as the war drew to a close. During his service he was wounded only once but had many narrow escapes, in one engagement his hat being pierced by bullets five times although he received no injury. After the close of hostilities, in 1865, he returned to his father's farm in Keokuk county but the same year removed to Polk township, Jefferson county, where he purchased eighty acres, upon which he resided until his death on the 10th of June, 1871.

On the 20th of November, 1865, Mr. Wolfe was married to Jane Lock, a daughter of William and Mary (Boage) Lock, both of whom were born in England, the former being of Scotch and the latter of English descent. They came to the United States in 1851 and located in Pennsylvania, near Pittsburg, where they lived for a short time before coming to Black Hawk township, Jefferson county, Iowa, and taking up their residence on a farm which he secured from the United States government by patent. Mr. Lock was one of the pioneers of the township and resided upon his original farm until his death, which occurred in 1901. His widow still makes her home upon this place. Their eldest son, John B. Lock, enlisted at the age of eighteen years and served in the Civil war three years in the Nineteenth Regiment of the Iowa Volunteer Infantry. To Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe three children were born. Margaret, the eldest, was married in 1885 to John Bennett, and they are the parents of five children: Ray, who married Inez Estes and is an agriculturist of Keokuk county; and Treba, Genevieve, Lela and Ava, all attending school in district No. 7 of Polk township. Mary Jane, the second member of the family, was married in 1890 to Ed Dellinger, a farmer of Davis county, and to them six children have been born, William, Ralph, Vera, Ada, Bernie and Pearl. Addie, the youngest, was married in 1889 to Alvin Street, an agriculturist of Keokuk county, and they are the parents of one child, Leotta.

In politics, Mr. Wolfe cast his vote for the republican party and, although he never sought office, he took a keen interest in the issues of the day and did what he could to further all local measures relating to the improvement of the county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe held membership in the Pleasant Hill Methodist Episcopal church of Polk township. Throughout his life he was quiet and unassuming and devoted his leisure hours to the family circle rather than to lodges and social gatherings, but he held the respect and admiration which a community gives to its citizens who are strongest morally and most loyal and active industrially.

C. W. BAILEY, M. D.

Dr. C. W. Bailey has practiced medicine at Pleasant Plain continuously since September, 1899, and is now enjoying an extensive and lucrative patronage as the only physician of the town. His birth occurred in Cedar township, Jefferson county, Iowa, on the 22d of November, 1871, his parents being Cyrus D. and Iowa (Conley) Bailey, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Lee county, Iowa. Cyrus D. Bailey



DR. C. W. BAILEY

came to this county in 1864, purchased, cleared and improved a farm in Cedar township and operated the same until 1897. In that year he disposed of the property and purchased a farm in Van Buren county, to the further cultivation and improvement of which he has devoted his attention to the present time.

C. W. Bailey obtained his early education in the district schools of this county and later entered Birmingham Academy. Having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he read under the direction of Norris Brothers, of Birmingham, Iowa, for eighteen months and then entered the Keokuk Medical College, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1897. During the Spanish-American war he served as first assistant surgeon to Dr. Roberts, who was the regimental surgeon. He was mustered out, on the 8th of July, 1899, and in September following came to Pleasant Plain for the practice of his profession. There were five physicians in the town at that time, but Dr. Bailey is now the only representative of the fraternity here—a fact which speaks most eloquently for itself. An extensive practice has been accorded him in recognition of his skill and ability in the line of his chosen profession, with the advancement of which he keeps in close touch through his membership in the Jefferson County Medical Society and the Southeastern Medical Society. He acts as health officer of the board of health of Walnut township, Penn township and the town of Pleasant Plain. In addition to his office building he owns four residence properties, a store building and the livery stable property in the new town of East Pleasant Plain.

On the 18th of May, 1900, Dr. Bailey was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Hosette, a daughter of Francis Xavier and Mary Elizabeth (Hisel) Hosette, who were natives of France and Belgium, respectively. The father, who came to Jefferson county, Iowa, in an early day, purchased and improved a farm in Cedar township. Subsequently he became a dealer in horses, going to France to make his purchases in person. He died at sea, in 1895, while on his way home on one of these trips. His wife was called to her final rest on August 8, 1910. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Bailey has been born a son, Earl E., whose natal day was February 22, 1906.

Dr. Bailey gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served as republican central committeeman from Penn township for three terms or six years. He has long served as a councilman and has also been mayor of the town of Pleasant Plain, exercising his official prerogatives in support of many progressive measures. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Fairfield and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Glasgow, Iowa. His religious faith is that of the

Presbyterian church, while his wife is a communicant of the Catholic church. Of a sociable nature, he has found life enjoyable in the acquirement of a circle of friends that grows as grows the scope of his acquaintance, while his advancement in his profession has been equally agreeable.

PERRY THOMAS MITCHELL.

Among the county's citizens who have always resided within her borders Perry Thomas Mitchell is numbered and the success he has achieved places him among the representative men of this district. He has always followed farming and stock-raising and today ranks with the foremost representatives of those lines of business in eastern Iowa. He was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, January 9, 1855, his parents being Abraham and Elizabeth (Frush) Mitchell, who were natives of Maryland and of Ohio respectively. The father was a farmer by occupation and in 1853 came to Iowa, settling on the Barr farm, near Fairfield, in Jefferson county. There he resided for two years and then removed to a farm, a mile north of Packwood, in Polk township, where he resided until his death, which occurred April 22, 1908. He was truly a self-made man, for he was in very limited financial circumstances when he came to Iowa and at the time of his death was the owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and twenty acres of rich and arable land in Polk township, together with a fine city property and a lot of five acres in Richland, Iowa. His first wife died when a comparatively young woman and in 1880 Mr. Mitchell was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mary Townsend, who is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Johnson, on a farm north of Richland. By the first marriage there were nine children: Mrs. Amelia Jane Ingalls, a resident of Gentry county, Missouri; Mrs. Amanda Frances Smith, of Norwalk, Iowa; Perry Thomas; Henry S., a ranchman residing in Custer county, Montana; Mrs. Lilly De Armund, of Maryville, Missouri; Mrs. Lizzie Wilcox, living in Grand Forks, North Dakota; Mrs. Anna Benn, the wife of Robert Benn, of Wapello county, Iowa; Harry, a resident farmer of Polk township; and George, who became a ranchman of Custer county, Montana, where he was shot and killed by sheep herders, on the 5th of September, 1908. By the father's second marriage there was one child, Mrs. Nellie Johnson, now of Keokuk county, Iowa.

Perry Thomas Mitchell has been a lifelong resident of Jefferson county and has always followed farming within its borders. He attended the

Pleasant Hill school when the old-time pioneer benches and desks were used and when not busy with his text-books he assisted in the work of the home farm. He continued to aid his father up to the time of his marriage in 1879 and then began farming on his own account. He had no ready capital at his command and so rented land, leasing the Gray farm in Polk township for two years. During that period he carefully saved his earnings until his industry and his economical expenditure had brought him a sum sufficient to enable him to purchase the farm in Polk township on which he resided for thirty-one years. In February, 1901, he removed to Packwood, where he has since made his home. However, he still owns the farm of three hundred and twenty acres of fine land in Polk township upon which his eldest son now resides. He and his two sons carry on the farm and buy, feed and ship cattle, hogs and horses extensively. After his removal to Packwood Mr. Mitchell rented his farm for five years but found this unsatisfactory and so again assumed personal management with the aid of his sons. They are now among the largest stockmen of this part of the county, shipping on an average of a carload of stock each week throughout the entire year. They ship cattle and hogs mostly to Chicago, although they sometimes ship hogs to Ottumwa, Iowa. Mr. Mitchell owns a small farm adjoining his city property, where with commodious barns he does some of his feeding in the winter. His Polk township property, covering a half section, is a well improved stock farm. He also carries on general agricultural pursuits and the property is splendidly improved, being equipped with all modern accessories and conveniences and with the latest machinery. There is a fine young orchard on the place, good water and no waste land and its splendid appearance indicates the practical and progressive methods of the owner. In addition to his other business interests Mr. Mitchell is a stockholder in the Farmers Savings Bank of Packwood.

In 1879 Mr. Mitchell was united in marriage to Miss Clara Coykendall, a daughter of Joseph and Judith (Moss) Coykendall, both of whom were natives of Illinois. In 1873 they came to Iowa, settling on a farm in Polk township, Jefferson county, and it was upon that place that Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were married. In 1880 Mr. Coykendall removed from this county to Colorado and is now located at Platteville, where he is living retired. At the present writing he is filling the office of justice of the peace. In the fall of 1911, although now eighty-four years of age, he took part in a celebration there. With his nineteen-year-old driving horse he entered a free-for-all race and drove the animal himself and made the mile in 2:19. This broke all Colorado records for an eighty-four year old driver. His horse had been a former grand circuit winner. In the public life of Platteville Mr. Coykendall has been quite prominent, serving

as mayor of the city for several years and otherwise taking an active part in municipal affairs. His wife had died at the old homestead farm in Polk township ere his removal from Jefferson county.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have been born two children. Floyd Wilson, the elder, married Mada Pringle, of Fairfield, Iowa, and is now a well known farmer and stockman, living upon his father's farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Polk township. Merle is at home with his parents and is a partner with his father in the stock business. He is widely and favorably known and is a member of Ottumwa Lodge of Elks. Mr. Mitchell exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and is somewhat prominent as a worker in its local ranks. At the present writing he is serving as a member of the city council of Packwood, which position he has filled since his removal to the town, ever exercising his official prerogatives in support of the men and measures which tend to advance general welfare. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Packwood and their lives have ever been in harmony with their professions. In all of his business dealings Mr. Mitchell has been found trustworthy and reliable, never taking advantage of the necessities of another in any business transaction. He early realized the fact that industry is the basis of success and when guided by sound judgment and supplemented by perseverance it always wins the desired results. He has proven himself to be an excellent judge of stock as well as a practical and progressive tiller of the soil and in the conduct of his interests has made for himself an honorable position among the prosperous residents of the county.

ROBERT H. WELLER.

Robert H. Weller, who has been a resident of Packwood since he retired from his farm in Black Hawk township four years ago, has been identified with agricultural pursuits in the middle west for more than fifty years. He was born in Hastings, Sussex county, England, December 25, 1838, the son of John and Cordelia Elizabeth (Selms) Weller. John Weller, who was a farmer by profession was born and reared in England, where the Wellers had lived for many years. Coming to America in 1841, he went to Michigan and purchased land upon which he erected a saw-mill and where he hoped to have his home when his wife and children could follow him to the United States, but his death occurred before they arrived. However, Mrs. Weller set out for America when her son Robert was seven years of age and the long trip of seven weeks, three days and

six hours on the "Switzerland" was one full of misfortunes. During the voyage Elizabeth, the youngest sister, died and was buried at sea and the mother, who was taken ill on the steamer, died at the home of her brother, Joshua Selms, a hotel-keeper, shortly after she arrived in New York. Her death left her four children, of whom Robert was the youngest. orphans in New York. But they soon went on to Syracuse, where the older brother, John, learned the shoemaker's trade and afterwards became chief cutter in a large factory.

Robert H. Weller attended school until he began working on a farm, continuing in this pursuit for a short time until he apprenticed himself to a carpenter, up to 1858. In that year he started out to seek his fortune and with ten dollars in his pocket he set out. From Buffalo to Chicago he worked his way by boat and then walked across the prairie to Chenoa, Illinois, where he was hired as harvesting hand for two dollars and a half per day, an amount which seemed almost incredible to him, since in New York state he had been receiving a stipend of fifty cents for his daily toil. At the multiplied wage scale he was willing to give his whole time to harvesting and he worked at it as long as the season lasted. Then he took up his trade as carpenter in Chenoa and continued to follow it, excepting during his Civil war service, until 1892, when he removed to Black Hawk township, Jefferson county, Iowa, and purchased the one hundred and sixty-five acres of fine farm land, upon which he made his home until his retirement and removed to Packwood in 1907. He owns his comfortable home in Packwood and rents his farm to his son, Robert W.

Mr. Weller enlisted in the Civil war February 6, 1865, joining Company B, One hundred and fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, at Chenoa and during his short service was in a number of skirmishes. On the 25th of August, 1865, he was mustered out at Memphis, Tennessee, being discharged while in the hospital in that city.

The marriage of Mr. Weller to Harriet Lucy McFarland occurred April 10, 1862. She is the daughter of Sandusky and Mary A. (Smith) McFarland, both natives of Jessamine county, Kentucky, the father, a farmer, being of Scotch-Irish descent and the mother of Dutch pedigree. They were married in Kentucky and removed to Illinois in 1854, when Mrs. Weller was but nine years of age. Later the family went to Chenoa, where Mr. and Mrs. Weller were married. Mr. McFarland enlisted in Company G, Fifty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served until he was taken ill two years later, when he returned to Chenoa and resided until he fell on ice, injuring himself seriously. After this accident he was taken to the National Military Home, at Leavenworth, Kansas, and later, in 1903, he was removed from there to the United States Military

Hospital at Washington, D. C., where he died. His wife's death had occurred fifteen years previous, in Chenoa.

Mr. and Mrs. Weller are the parents of six children. George E., the eldest, who is an agriculturist residing in Buckley, Illinois, married Jennie Wallace, of Livingston county, Illinois, and they are the parents of four children, namely; Della, May, Harvey and Mattie. Mary Elizabeth married George M. Stafford, who owns a feed store at Ottawa, Kansas, and to them two children have been born, Maude and Sadie. Emma Alyda, who married O. Gillette, a ranchman and carpenter, is residing at King Hill, Idaho, and is the mother of three children, Harlan, Gail and Lois. Sadie, who married James M. Baldwin, a farmer and carpenter, resides in Black Hawk township. Robert Walter is living on his father's homestead in Black Hawk township. He married Lulu Dawson, of Columbus Junction, Iowa, and to them two children have been born, Faye and Dale. Asa S. resides on the homestead with his brother, Robert W.

In politics Mr. Weller has ever been a stanch republican and is a firm believer in the more conservative policies of that party, but until he retired he held no offices excepting that of school director in Black Hawk township for several terms. Since he has been residing in Packwood he has taken an active interest in the government of the town and has served for three years as a member of the village council and for a similar length of time as street commissioner. In both of these offices he has discharged his duties conscientiously and to the best interests of the community. Mr. Weller is the only member of his family who left New York and is the last surviving member, his sister and brothers having died in Syracuse, Mary at the age of seventy-five years and John and James at the ages of eighty-eight and eighty respectively. Few lives show better what can be accomplished even in spite of the greatest obstacles and most discouraging beginnings than does the life of Mr. Weller, a man who has both made a success of undertakings calling for indefatigable labor and who has also won for himself the esteem and confidence of his fellow townsmen.

ROBERT H. CURTIS.

Robert H. Curtis owns a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 27, Black Hawk township, where for twenty years he has engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, on the 16th of June, 1856, and is the only son of Abraham and Margaret (Brown) Curtis. The parents, who were of German extraction, were likewise natives of Guilford county, the father's birth having

there occurred in 1802. When he had reached man's estate Abraham Curtis chose the carpenter's trade for his vocation, but after his marriage he bought and operated a farm, with the assistance of hired help, in connection with his carpentry work. He passed away in 1873, but the mother lived until 1896, both having passed their entire lives in the country where they were born. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis had seven daughters, three of whom are still living, as follows: Fannie, of Randolph county, North Carolina; and Cornelia and Margaret, who are residing in Guilford county.

Reared on his father's farm Robert H. Curtis obtained his education in the district schools, and while engaged in the mastery of the common branches he was also becoming familiar with the practical methods of agriculture. From the time he attained his majority until he left home four years later he gave his entire attention to the operation of his father's farm. In 1881, he left North Carolina and came to Iowa, locating on a farm in Richland township where he worked by the month for two years. During that time he accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to farm as a renter, which he continued to do until 1891, when he bought his present farm. During the period of his ownership he has wrought extensive improvements in his place, which is well stocked, contains good buildings and is one of the attractive properties of the township. Mr. Curtis has most intelligently directed his activities and has met with success in his various undertakings. For the past nine years he has been an invalid and has been unable to do any work, but he gives his personal attention to the supervision and direction of the various operations connected with the tilling of the fields and harvesting of the crops. He at one time rented his farm for about six years, four of which he spent in Fairfield, while for eighteen months he lived in Arkansas.

On the 5th of December, 1878, in Guilford county, North Carolina, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Curtis and Miss Sarah Coble, who was born and reared in Guilford county. Mrs. Curtis is a daughter of David and Laura (Euliss) Coble, the former of whom is a native of Guilford county, of English extraction, while Mrs. Coble was born in an adjoining county and is of German descent. Mr. Coble, who was an attorney, owned a large estate and many slaves in North Carolina. He was a prominent officer in the Confederate army, enlisting in Guilford county, and was well known throughout the state. He passed away on the 7th of July, 1891, but the mother is still living at the venerable age of eighty-three years and makes her home in Burlington, North Carolina. Mrs. Coble is very active and still in possession of all of her faculties despite her age, and in the fall of 1911 was favored by a visit from her daughter, Mrs. Curtis, whom she had not seen for twenty years. To Mr. and Mrs. Coble there were born six children, Mrs. Curtis, who was third

in order of birth, being the eldest of the three now surviving. William R., the oldest and only surviving son, is a resident of Burlington, as is also the other daughter, Laura Ann, who lives with her mother. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis has been blessed with five children: Mrs. Amy Viola Curtis, of Waterloo, who has two sons, Harry Winfield Howard and Curtis Howard; Henry Vance, who is attending the high school at Fairfield and assists his father with the work of the farm; Robert Vern, who is also attending school in Fairfield; William Grover, who died when he was two years of age; and Rosabelle, who was two and a half months at the time of her death.

In matters of faith Mr. Curtis holds membership in the Christian church of Richland, while Mrs. Curtis belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church of Fairfield. She is also a prominent member of the Black Hawk Township Neighborhood Club. The political views of Mr. Curtis conform to the principles of the democratic party, but of recent years he casts his vote for the candidate he considers best qualified for the office, irrespective of party affiliation. His salient traits of character are such as commend him to the confidence and good-will of those with whom he comes in contact, and as a result he is held in high regard in the community where he has long resided.

CHARLES T. MOORMAN, M. D.

Dr. Charles T. Moorman, a successful physician of Jefferson county, practicing in Packwood and throughout the surrounding district, has now passed the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey and yet is still an active factor in his profession and has at all times kept abreast with the progress that has introduced many new methods and remedial agencies in medical and surgical practice. He was born in Greene county, Ohio, March 30, 1836, a son of Charles T. and Matilda (Watson) Moorman, both of whom were natives of Virginia. The father devoted his life to farming and when nine years of age accompanied his parents on their removal from the Old Dominion to Ohio, where he was reared to manhood and afterward engaged in farming. Both he and his wife were for many years respected and worthy residents of Greene county, Ohio, where the father died in 1878. He came of Quaker ancestry and was a very devout member of the Friends church.

In his native county Dr. Moorman began his education, attending the district schools, and when not busy with his text-books assisted his father upon the farm. In 1873 he entered the Eclectic Medical College at Cin-



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cinnati, for he had determined to engage in the practice of medicine. He was graduated from that institution with the class of 1876 as honor man and received the degree of M. D. He at once located for practice in Jamestown, Greene county, Ohio, where he remained until 1881, when he removed to Washington county, Iowa, settling in West Chester, where he practiced for three years. He then returned to Ohio with his wife, who was in failing health, but this did not bring her the improvement that had been hoped for and she passed away. In 1885 Dr. Moorman again came to Iowa, this time settling in Abingdon, Jefferson county, where he followed his chosen profession for six years. In 1891 he came to Packwood, where he has resided to the present time, and in the twenty years of his connection with professional interests at this place he has built up a very extensive practice and has become one of the best known physicians of Jefferson county.

It was in 1857 that Dr. Moorman was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Jane Allen, of Greene county, Ohio, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Allen, who were well known residents of that district and there resided until death, the father devoting his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits. In the family of Dr. and Mrs. Moorman were five children: Fenton T., who died at the age of thirty years; Marcella, who is the wife of John Young, a farmer and ranchman of Oregon, by whom she has five children—Harry, Mabel, Rosa, Doris and Stella; John A., who is a harness maker of Packwood and has one child, Grace; Charles Albert, a teacher in the Packwood high school; and Bertha, who is the wife of Otho Myers, a member of the firm of Caviness & Myers, dealers in hardware, autos and farming implements at Packwood.

Having lost his first wife, Dr. Moorman was married again, on the 20th of May, 1875, when Miss Maria Jones became his wife. She was a daughter of Ambrose and Eliza (Jones) Jones, who, though of the same name, were not related. The former was of Welsh and the latter of English descent, and Mr. Jones devoted his life to farming, becoming a well known agriculturist of Greene county, Ohio.

Dr. Moorman owns a nice town property in Packwood and has his office on the same lot. He is a prominent man of this locality, occupying an enviable position in business and professional circles. He is an honored member of the Iowa State Medical Society and of the United States Medical Association. He has for years been the health officer of Packwood and Polk township and he has served as medical examiner for a number of insurance companies and fraternal organizations having subordinate lodges in Packwood and Abingdon. In addition to all this he has an extensive private practice and has long been recognized as the loved family physician in many a household. Added to his scientific knowledge

and professional skill is a ready sympathy which enables him to quickly understand his patients, and in the diagnosis of cases he is always most careful and conscientious. His fraternal relations are with the Masonic lodge at Ollie, Iowa, and with the Royal Arch chapter at Fairfield and in his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft, finding many opportunities to manifest mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness in the course of his practice.

WILLIAM H. McCracken.

A highly esteemed representative of one of Jefferson county's pioneer settlers is William H. McCracken, who is one of the extensive landowners of Black Hawk township, where for thirty-one years he has discharged the duties of justice of the peace. He was born one mile east of Pleasant Plain in Penn township, on July 26, 1846, and is a son of Hiram and Dinah (Hadley) McCracken. His father was born in Mooresville, Morgan county, Indiana, a son of Henry McCracken, a pioneer farmer of that county. The grandfather was born and reared in North Carolina and was of Scotch-Irish descent, but in his early manhood he removed to Indiana, whence in 1844, together with his son Hiram, he came to Iowa. Upon their arrival in Jefferson county the father preempted eighty acres of land, two miles west of Brighton, where he spent the remainder of his life. The son, however, preempted eighty acres in Penn township upon which he resided until the spring of 1865, when he disposed of his holding and removed to Black Hawk township, where he resided until his death on the 15th of October, 1889.

At the usual age William H. McCracken entered the district school in the vicinity of his home in the acquirement of an education. After the completion of the course he went to Richland high school, and later he studied in one of the Fairfield schools, completing his education at Whittier's College at Salem, Iowa. Before entering college, however, he engaged in teaching in the district schools one winter, in the vicinity of Des Moines and for several years near Macon, Mississippi. He was an able educator, having the faculty of imparting knowledge to others in a lucid manner, instilling in his pupils an appreciation of the value of learning and stimulating them to greater efforts in the development of their mental powers. His ability became recognized and in the years 1872 and 1873 he was called to the office of county superintendent. He had no desire to permanently follow the profession of teaching, however, so in the late '70s he purchased eighty acres of land on section 11, Black Hawk town-

ship, upon which he located immediately after his marriage. Agricultural pursuits thereafter engaged his attention, and here he displayed the same intelligence and capability that he had manifested both in the schoolroom and in public office. Mr. McCracken is a man of much foresight and discretion, who has always directed his undertakings with a definite purpose in view, with a full appreciation of both method and system in the attainment of his ambition. From his earliest boyhood he was taught the value of industry and thrift, and these lessons he never forgot, but exercised them during the entire period of his active career with the result that he was able to increase his holdings from time to time until he now owns four hundred and forty acres of most fertile land. He is a practical farmer, who in the cultivation of his fields has adopted the more progressive methods of modern, scientific agriculture and has met with a gratifying measure of prosperity in his vocation. Owing to his physical condition he has not been able to do much of the hard work about his place, but every detail has been concisely laid out by him and carefully planned and all goes on under his personal supervision. His is one of the attractive farms of the community, great care ever having been given to keep both the buildings and grounds in good condition.

It was on the 12th of August, 1880, that Mr. McCracken was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Jones, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Crumley) Jones, the mother a sister of Isaac Crumley, who for many years was a county surveyor of Jefferson county. Mr. Jones, who was of English extraction, was a native of Tennessee, as was also his wife. He came to Keokuk county in 1855, locating in that county, where he lived until his death in January, 1883. After his demise the mother made her home with her children, and passed away at the home of Mr. McCracken in 1895. Mrs. McCracken was born in Keokuk county, on the 2d of January, 1856, and died on the farm, where she had spent the entire period of her domestic life, on the 24th of March, 1902. Of their marriage there were born nine children, all of whom are living. Luther, who is operating a farm, three-quarters of a mile northwest of his father's place, married Grace Allen, and they have two children, Vance Jerome and a baby, Vesta M. Stacy J., who for three years was president of Central College at Central City, Nebraska, but was compelled to give up teaching on account of his health, and is now engaged in farming and the real-estate business in Scott City, Kansas, married Carrie Pringle of Richland, Iowa, and they have two children, Landon and a baby, Ruth R. Pliny, who is the principal of New Providence Academy at New Providence, Iowa, married Lena Hanson of Linnville, Iowa. Dymond, a farmer three-quarters of a mile southeast of his father, married Arthul Hadley and they have two children, Jessie Thelma and Clifford. C. Sumner,

a farmer three-fourths of a mile west of his father, married Mary Coffin of Pleasant Plain and they have had one child, who died in infancy. Linneus, who is a teacher, is attending Penn College at Oskaloosa. Tirza married Leonard Mealey, a painter and paperhanger at Pleasant Plain. Duane, who is seventeen, is going to school at Richland, as is also Rufus, who is the youngest member of the family. The six oldest sons either are or have at some time been engaged in teaching, all having been given the advantages of a good education.

In religious faith Mr. McCracken is a Quaker and holds membership in the Friends church at Woolson, to which his wife and family also belonged, the children having always attended the Sunday school, and Mrs. McCracken was a member of the Missionary Society. In his political views he has always been an ardent republican, of the conservative wing of that party. He has taken an active interest in all matters pertaining to the township, and soon after his marriage was elected justice of the peace, in which capacity he has ever since served. For twenty-five years he was president of the township school board and for one year he discharged the duties of assessor. Mr. McCracken has always been one of the more progressive citizens of Black Hawk township and has taken a deep interest in promoting the development of the community, his influence and co-operation at all times having been given to advance every movement, the adoption of which would tend to establish a higher standard of life.

JOHN KASOWSKI.

John Kasowski, a successful farmer of Walnut township, is engaged in the operation of two hundred and seventy-five acres of land, two hundred of which he owns. He was born on the farm where he now resides, on the 19th of December, 1859, his parents being Albert and Josephine (Pulaski) Kasowski, natives of Poland. His father emigrated to the United States in 1851, first locating in Pennsylvania, where he remained for a brief period then went to Texas. During the succeeding year he hauled merchandise with an ox team from St. Louis to Texas. He next took a position on a boat on the Mississippi river where he handled freight for a year, at the expiration of that time returning to Pennsylvania. There, in 1854, he was married and immediately following took a position in the coal mines. In 1856 he came to Iowa, locating in Jefferson county. Here, he and his brother bought a forty-acre tract of land in Walnut township, erecting thereon a log cabin, which for some years thereafter served as

their residence. They placed their land under cultivation and when he was not engaged in the operation of his fields, Mr. Kasowski worked out. At the expiration of three years he had sufficient capital to buy the interest of his brother in their little farm. By reason of unremitting energy, self-denial and frugal habits he and his wife acquired the means to enable him to buy other land from time to time, until he owned one hundred and sixty acres, which he continued to cultivate until his death on September 4, 1906. The mother passed away May 4, 1902.

Reared at home and educated in the district schools, John Kasowski remained under the parental roof until he was nineteen years of age. He left the farm in 1878 and went to Washington, Iowa, where for six months he worked on the Rock Island Railroad, from where he went to Chicago, taking a position on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad as freight handler. A reliable and willing worker, at the end of a year he was promoted to the position of checker in the freight department, serving in this capacity for two years. He was next put on the road as sealer for a year, and then marked cars for three years, while for one year he was night switchman. At the expiration of that time he was sent back to the freight house as assistant foreman. He had held this position for about a year at the time of the Haymarket riot, when he went on one of the river boats. During the next year he checked freight on the Anchor Line, and then became foreman over the loading and unloading of the boats. When he had held the latter position for three years, he was given charge of the shipping department. At the end of six years he resigned this position and returned to Jefferson county, where, on the 5th of February, 1896, he purchased the old farm. Although his interests had been along entirely different lines for many years, Mr. Kasowski had not forgotten the efficient training he had received from his father in practical methods of agriculture in his youth, as is manifested in his remarkable success. His business experience proved most helpful to him, teaching him the value of method and system in any undertaking, and much of his prosperity can unquestionably be attributed to his recognition of the value of following a definite plan of action. Energetic, alert and progressive, as well as practical, he has met with more than an average degree of success in his endeavors, and now owns two hundred acres of fine land. He has improved his place during the period of his ownership by the erection of a modern residence, large, commodious barns and substantial outbuildings, thus providing ample shelter for both his stock and grains as well as his farming implements. Mr. Kasowski besides his large property interests is a stockholder and trustee of the Jefferson County Insurance Union, having been officially connected with this organization for the past six years. He also owns stock in the Brighton Mutual Telephone Company.

The 13th of November, 1888, was the wedding day of Mr. Kasowski and Miss Mary Klinger, a daughter of August and Eva (Matusik) Klinger, natives of Poland. Her father, who was a farmer in the old country, emigrated to the United States in 1855 and settled in Chicago. He worked for the McCormick Harvester Company in that city until 1873, when he engaged in the retail grocery business until his death in 1899. He was long survived by his widow, who passed away in 1907. To Mr. and Mrs. Kasowski there have been born seven children: Albert and Robert; Margaret, who died in infancy; and Leo, Raymond, Bernard and Joseph.

The family are all communicants of the Roman Catholic church of East Pleasant Plain, of which Mr. Kasowski is one of the trustees. He is a democrat in his political views and for the past four years has served as a member of the board of school directors. In 1896, Mr. Kasowski had the misfortune to lose a large barn which was struck by lightning and very soon thereafter he secured the agency for the lightning rods put out by both the Rayborn & Hunter Company of Chicago and Thomas Thompson Company of Burlington. Although he is too busily engaged with his farm to devote much attention to his agency, he has done sufficient business to make it worthy of consideration. Mr. Kasowski's business career reveals a steady and permanent progress from the first, every change marking a definite point in the development of his prosperity, which has been achieved through unremitting energy and persistence.

JOHN J. GINTHER.

John J. Ginther, the well known and efficient postmaster of Pleasant Plain, was long and actively identified with general agricultural pursuits but is now living practically retired. His birth occurred in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, on the 5th of July, 1845, his parents being John M. and Rosina (Stocker) Ginther, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. In 1845 the father drove from Ohio to Buchanan county, Iowa, and in making the journey crossed only one railroad and this being then in course of construction. He entered a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Buchanan county and began the improvement of the property, while subsequently he entered more land. In this county he followed general agricultural pursuits for eighteen years and on the expiration of that period disposed of his farm and removed to Dallas county, where he also purchased and improved a place, operating the same until 1872, in which year he sold the farm and made his way to Dixon county, Nebraska, where he

bought a homestead and spent his remaining days, passing away in 1874. His wife was called to her final rest in 1876.

John J. Ginther was reared and educated in Buchanan county, this state, but did not begin his studies until thirteen years of age, for there were no schools in the locality prior to that time. He remained under the parental roof until twenty years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. In 1872 he accompanied his father on his removal to Nebraska and after the latter's death, operated the homestead place in that state until 1883, making many substantial improvements thereon. After disposing of the farm he came to Jefferson county, Iowa, and here cultivated rented land for three years. At the end of that time he removed to Keokuk county, this state, there purchasing and improving a farm and operating the same until 1893. In that year he sold the place and returned to Jefferson county, purchasing and improving a tract of twenty-eight acres in Penn township. Subsequently he put aside the active work of the fields, sold his farm and bought property in Pleasant Plain, where he has resided to the present time.

Mr. Ginther has been married twice. In July, 1865, he wedded Miss Mary Stewart, a daughter of Andrew and Nancy (Wayman) Stewart, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, made his way to Dallas county, Iowa, in an early day, there purchased and improved a farm and operated the same until his demise, which occurred in 1867. Mrs. Stewart passed away in 1873. To John J. and Mary (Stewart) Ginther were born five children, as follows: Helen, the wife of A. D. Chapple, a farmer of Nebraska; Ida, who is the wife of B. C. Johnson and resides in Penn township; Rosina, the wife of J. N. Mick, an agriculturist of Minnesota; Loretta, whose demise occurred in 1885; and Leando, who died in 1881. The wife and mother passed away in 1879 after an illness of four months' duration. On the 31st of December, 1882, Mr. Ginther was again married, his second union being with Miss Betsy Ellis, a daughter of Isaac and Betsy (Heston) Ellis, both of whom were natives of Tennessee. Coming to this county, the father entered, cleared and improved a tract of land and cultivated the same throughout the remainder of his life. His demise occurred in 1887, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1893.

At the polls Mr. Ginther supports the prohibition party, believing that the liquor traffic is one of the greatest evils with which this country has to contend. He has served as assessor and town treasurer of Pleasant Plain and is again holding the latter office at the present time. In 1896 he was appointed postmaster, serving in that capacity for a period of seven years or until he resigned. In May, 1911, he took charge of the office again and has since ably discharged the duties devolving upon him in

this connection. Both he and his wife are devoted and consistent members of the Friends church. Being a man of sterling character, he has always merited and received the confidence and respect of all with whom business, official or social relations have brought him in contact.

H. EDWARD WOOLUMS.

H. Edward Woolums is the owner of four hundred and twenty acres of fine land in Black Hawk township, his home farm comprising two hundred and forty acres which is highly cultivated and improved with many modern equipments that indicate his progressive spirit and practical methods. He was born in Highland county, Ohio, November 25, 1863, a son of Fieldon C. and Matilda J. (Walker) Woolums. The father's birth occurred in Highland county, February 12, 1841. He was of Scotch-Irish descent and was a cooper by trade, learning the business under the direction of his father in his boyhood days. Later he turned his attention to farming and in 1867 removed westward to Illinois, spending four or five years in Henry county, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits. On the expiration of that period he came to Jefferson county, Iowa, settling in Black Hawk township where for one year he cultivated a rented farm. He then purchased eighty acres on section 19, Black Hawk township, known as the old Woolums homestead. As the years passed by he prospered and invested more and more largely in farm property until he was the owner of six hundred and twenty acres of fine land all in the same township. That his life was well spent and that his business judgment was sound was indicated by the fact that when he came to Iowa his possessions consisted of little more than two horses and a wagon. As the architect of his fortunes he builded wisely and well and his record shows what may be accomplished when energy and determination point the way. He had resided upon his farm until 1901, when, with a handsome competence acquired through his own labors, he retired to private life and removed to Packwood, where he passed away on the 25th of August, 1911. He died very suddenly of heart failure, being taken ill while milking, and in fifteen minutes the end had come. His widow is still a resident of that town and is widely and favorably known in the county where she has made her home for almost forty years. In their family were four children of whom H. Edward is the eldest, the others being: Elijah W., of Barnes City, Iowa, who is proprietor of a general store there; Jennie May, the wife of Dr. S. D. Packwood, a practicing

physician and surgeon of St. Joseph, Missouri; and Curtis A., a farmer living on the old homestead on section 19, Black Hawk township.

H. Edward Woolums accompanied his parents to Iowa in his boyhood days and remained upon the home farm until twenty-two years of age, when he began farming on his own account although he continued to reside with his parents until his marriage. He then rented land for three years and in 1892 purchased eighty acres of his present homestead farm, to which he has added from time to time until he has two hundred and forty acres in this tract. He also has one hundred and eighty acres elsewhere in the township and with the aid of his sons operates his entire holdings, comprising four hundred and twenty acres. The soil is naturally rich and productive and responds readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon it. His methods are both practical and progressive and his home place is equipped with all of the modern accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century.

On the 21st of March, 1889, Mr. Woolums was united in marriage to Miss Anna B. Duke, a daughter of Luther and Mary Jane (McCreery) Duke. Her father was born in Virginia, came of English descent and was a farmer by occupation. The mother, who was of Scotch-Irish lineage, was born in this county near Abingdon. Mr. Duke came to Iowa prior to the Civil war and settled near Abingdon, where he made his home until 1896, when he went to Trenton, Grundy county, Missouri, where he and his wife now reside. He has retired from active business cares and is enjoying the rest to which his former labor well entitles him. In the Duke family were nine children: Mrs. Woolums; George T., a real-estate man living in Hedrick, Iowa; May, the wife of George B. Carpenter, a farmer of Grundy county, Missouri; Frank, who is also a resident farmer of Grundy county, Missouri; Orville, who died when but five weeks old; William W., a ranchman living near Centerville, New Mexico; Jesse, a farmer of Grundy county, Missouri; Mabel, the wife of David Lenz, who follows farming in Grundy county; and Lena V., who is at home with her parents in Trenton, Missouri.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Woolums has been blessed with two children. Irl R., who was born February 20, 1890, and spent one year in the high school at Trenton, Missouri, after attending the district schools, now assists his father in the operation of his farms. Don C., born May 15, 1895, is a pupil in the Packwood high school and his attention is given to the farm work when not busy with his studies. The parents are both members of the Christian church of Packwood and are interested in all that pertains to the material, intellectual and moral development of the community. Mr. Woolums votes with the democratic party and has served as school director in district No. 4 of Black Hawk township for

a year. He was also supervisor of roads in the township for seven years but otherwise has never sought nor desired public office, feeling that his farming interests make ample demands upon his time and energies. He is, however, public-spirited and in business affairs is diligent and determined, recognizing the fact that industry is the basis of all honorable success and therefore working persistently and energetically to attain the prosperity which now crowns his efforts.

JOHN C. RUGGLES.

Seventy years have passed since John C. Ruggles, a well known and retired agriculturist of section 4, Polk township, first came to Jefferson county and, therefore, he may be said to have been a witness and an assistant to its entire growth. At that time the Indians were far more numerous than the white settlers and Mr. Ruggles remembers the time when he played with the children of the Black Hawk tribe, who were living in near-by villages. He was born in Miami county, Ohio, on the 21st of March, 1832, and is a son of Jesse and Lavina (Whetstone) Ruggles. The father was born in Kentucky in 1806, of English descent on the paternal side and of German lineage on his mother's side, and went to Ohio about 1830, where he located in Miami county. In 1834, when John C. Ruggles was two years of age, his parents left Ohio for the middle west, stopping in Illinois for one year and then locating in Lee county, Iowa, where they rented a farm for three years, before settling permanently in 1839 at Blue Point, in Black Hawk township, Jefferson county. Here he entered considerable land, which he cultivated until the time of his death in 1848, and his widow made this her home until she passed away in 1851.

John C. Ruggles remained at home until the time of his father's death. He acquired his early education in the schools near his home and later was engaged in teaching in Black Hawk township for nine months. In 1854 he joined a party of six and went to California, making the trip with ox teams in six months and twenty-six days, but, not meeting with the success in mining that he had anticipated, he returned home after nine months. He made the trip via Cape Horn to New York, from which city he came overland to Iowa. The following year he went to Kansas to investigate the possibilities in agriculture in that state, but after careful consideration decided that Iowa offered better opportunities and so he returned to this state. He engaged in agriculture in 1859 after purchasing a farm, on section 4, Polk township, just north of his present homestead. This property was his home until 1865, the year in which he purchased

eighty acres of the farm upon which he now resides. At a subsequent date he acquired eighty acres additional, which was situated east of the original property, and he is now the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of this land, having sold forty to his son. His property is under a high state of cultivation and shows the result of many years of active work and scientific management on the part of the owner. In 1892 Mr. Ruggles discontinued active farming and since that time his son, Charles B., has undertaken the management and development of the home property. By persistent energy and unceasing toil, carried on under the difficulties which only the early settlers can fully appreciate, Mr. Ruggles has earned a success as substantial as it is deserving. He has turned land upon which labor had never been expended into such a state of productivity that it annually yields in increasing returns and presents an appearance which attests to the skill and ability of its manager.

Mr. Ruggles was married, on the 31st of December, 1857, to Mrs. Martha Ann Bowman, the widow of Solomon Bowman and a daughter of James and Nancy (Ruggles) Orsborn. Mr. Orsborn was a native of Ireland but came to America when very young, his father having drowned on the way across the water. James Orsborn was apprenticed to a Kentucky hat maker and learned the hatter's trade, but in 1841 came to Jefferson county, Iowa, and located in Black Hawk township, where he took up agriculture and resided until his death on February 17, 1879. Mrs. Orsborn was a native of Kentucky and died at the home of her son-in-law, Isaac Webb, in Polk township. By her first marriage Mrs. Ruggles had a son, J. S. Bowman, who is an agriculturist in Adams county, Iowa, and is married to Allie White, of Keokuk county, Iowa. They are the parents of the following children: Hulbert K., Howard J., Alta, Willard, deceased, Lottie, Columbus, Fay, Lonnie and Doris. To Mr. and Mrs. Ruggles the following children have been born, all of whom, with the exception of Owen Perry and one who died in infancy, survive. The eldest, Jesse O., is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Keokuk county and is married to Clementine Lewis, of Polk township. To them four children have been born: Gilbert Wayne, Mabel, Tony and Lilly. Amos Henry is an agriculturist of Polk township and married Evelena McVey. Their children are Ora, Iris, John C., Bernice, Martha, William, James and Leonora. Charles B. is residing with his father and is managing the home place. He has been twice married. His first union was with Louisa Marshall, of Keokuk county, and to them one child was born, Nona Joyce, who is residing with her father, her mother having died on the 26th of April, 1900. Charles B. Ruggles was married February 5, 1903, to Miss Hattie Hale, of Davis county, Iowa. He is a director and was one of the organizers and incorporators of the Linby Savings Bank of Linby and

has served as director of school district No. 7 and as road supervisor in district No. 3 of Polk township. He also holds membership in Lodge No. 173, I. O. O. F., of Ioka, Iowa, and in the Modern Woodmen of America of Packwood. Mrs. Ruggles is a member of the Rebekah Lodge of Ioka. Cyrus R. is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Polk township and married Miss Lillie Cline, of Polk township. They are the parents of one child, Orville. Nancy Jeannette became the wife of Frank Johnston, who is employed by Miller & Son in Packwood. To them two children have been born, Edwin Clayton and Opal Ruth. Omar S. is a farmer of Wapello county and wedded Lydia Downing, of Polk township, by whom he has two children, John C. and Thomas Cleo. Lilly Jane became the wife of E. A. Romac, an agriculturist of Polk township, and is the mother of one child, Jessie Marie.

In politics Mr. Ruggles has always been a loyal and enthusiastic democrat. He has served as trustee of Polk township for two terms, as township road supervisor for a number of terms and as a member and secretary of the district school board for thirty years. In 1896 he was defeated as a candidate for state representative although he ran far ahead of his ticket in a county strongly republican. In religious faith he affiliates with the Methodist Episcopal church, in which his wife holds membership. He is also a member of the Masonic lodge of Ollie, Iowa, and Lodge No. 173, I. O. O. F., of Ioka, and his wife holds membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. Throughout his community Mr. Ruggles is regarded as one of the earnest and honorable citizens and as one whose life has been devoted to the moral, social, industrial and intellectual development of the county.

GEORGE W. RUSSELL.

George W. Russell, who is now living retired on section 4, Polk township, was born in Johnson county, Indiana, on the 12th of May, 1839, his parents being Thomas and Sarah (Maffett) Russell, who were married in Morgan county, Indiana. The mother was born in Indiana and was of American descent and the father, whose birth occurred in Kentucky, was of Irish lineage and was engaged in agriculture. He went from Indiana to Montgomery county, Illinois, in 1859, where he took up farming and resided until his death, on the 25th of November, 1865. His wife had been in ill health for some months previous to his death and her condition was so alarming that a short time before passing away Mr. Russell fore-

told that she could not long survive him, the prediction coming true as her death occurred December 5, 1865.

George W. Russell received his education in the district schools of Indiana and up until his father's death assisted on the home farm. In 1866, however, he came to Iowa but after a three-week stay removed to Illinois until he returned permanently in 1868 to this state. After residing for a year in Keokuk county he came to Jefferson county and located upon the farm where he now resides. The sixty acres which formed the nucleus of this property was purchased January 23, 1869, and today the farm contains one hundred and twenty acres, all of which has been much improved and is in a high state of cultivation. In 1900 Mr. Russell retired from active farming and in the following year he suffered the severe misfortune of losing his eyesight. Since his father's retirement George T. Russell has assumed complete charge of the management of the homestead and today is carrying on general farming and stock-raising successfully.

Mr. Russell was married November 4, 1869, to Mrs. Adaline (Sheets) Holler, the widow of Hiram Holler, an agriculturist of Keokuk county, and a daughter of Samuel and Phoebe (Winslow) Sheets. Her father was born in Pennsylvania and her mother near Fall River, Massachusetts, their marriage occurring in Holmes county, Ohio. In 1852 they removed to Iowa, locating in Keokuk county on the farm which was their home until their deaths on November 26, 1869, and February 10, 1896, respectively. Their two sons, Seymour and Leander, both served in the Civil war, enlisting from Keokuk county, and the former gave up his life for the Union cause in the battle near Little Rock, Arkansas. When Mrs. Russell first came to Iowa she went to Ottumwa on business when there was but one house in that place and also but one between Fremont and Fairfield. Because of the unsettled condition of the near-by country it was necessary for the family to bring their provisions mostly from Keokuk. Mrs. Russell had one child by her first marriage, Eliza Irene Holler, who became the wife of S. H. Bradfield, deceased, a farmer of Polk township, and to them three children were born, Hiram W., Vern T. and Levi G. To Mr. and Mrs. Russell five children have been born. Minnie Belle, the eldest, is the wife of Eugene B. Bowman, a blacksmith of Packwood, Iowa, and they have been the parents of six children, Ray, Lucy, Mary, Ruth, Samuel and Hazel, deceased. Samuel Oscar, who is engaged in farming near Birmingham, Van Buren county, Iowa, married Miss Rose Caldwell, of Abingdon, and to them four children have been born, William, Olive, Gaylord and Gilbert. Mary Frances died at the age of ten years and six months. Lucy May, who wedded William Barngrover, a carpenter of Polk township, has been the mother of three children, Lowell, deceased,

and David Earl and Dennis Vearl, twins. George Thomas resides at home on the farm with his parents and married Grace Ethel Smith, a daughter of David Smith, of Linby, Iowa. To them two children, Nellie Leona and Milton Clark, have been born. George T. Russell is a republican and holds membership in Justice Lodge, No. 230, A. F. & A. M., of Ollie, and Lodge No. 173, I. O. O. F., of Ioka. His wife belongs to the Rebekahs. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Russell also have two great-grandchildren, Aura and Clarice V. Bradfield, the children of their granddaughter, Mrs. Vern T. Bradfield, who resides in Abingdon.

In politics Mr. Russell is a stanch republican and in religious faith he and Mrs. Russell hold membership in the Baptist church. He is also a member of Justice Lodge, No. 230, A. F. & A. M., Ioka Lodge, No. 173, I. O. O. F., and has served as a school director in his home district for several years. For two terms he devoted his entire time and efforts to the cultivation of his property and during that time won a goodly measure of success, which was due to his perseverance, industry and good judgment.

ANDREW ANDERSON.

Throughout his life Andrew Anderson was one of the most prosperous farmers of Polk township, where he was residing at the time of his death on the 19th of February, 1903, and he was one of the early Swedish settlers of this section. His birth occurred in Rossberry, Sweden, June 23, 1849, his parents being John and Anna Mary Anderson. The father, who was an agriculturist in his native land, came to America when a young man for a year's visit, after which he returned to Sweden, where he lived up to the time of his death.

Andrew Anderson began earning his own livelihood very early, his first employment being as driver for a livery stable in his native town, this being an important business as, in those early days before the installation of railroads, everything was necessarily transported by wagon. After he was fourteen years of age he took up farming, which he carried on for the next five years, at the same time attending school whenever his labors permitted it. Being very ambitious and having heard much of the opportunities in the new world, he set out for America with his sister Mary in 1868 and immediately after their arrival in New York came to Polk township, Jefferson county, Iowa, where they located on section 24. For the following two years Mr. Anderson accepted employment on the various farms of the neighborhood, although he still made his home with his sister. In 1870 he began his independent career by purchasing one hun-

dred acres on section 22 and later added one hundred and sixty acres, where his widow and son, Grant Clarence, now reside. Meeting with great success in the development and cultivation of this property, he was induced to purchase eighty acres on section 22 and subsequently the one hundred and sixty acres on sections 22 and 23 where his daughter, Mrs. Lilly Fray, is now living. About thirty years ago Mr. Anderson moved to the present homestead and resided there continuously until his death in 1903, at which time he was the owner of about five hundred acres of very valuable and highly developed land. This property is still owned by Mrs. Anderson, although, until her son was old enough to assume charge of the place, she rented out the land or was required to hire help to carry on the general farming. The appearance of the farm was greatly improved in 1911, when Mrs. Anderson erected a very modern and commodious residence, which is wholly in keeping with the generally improved and well equipped condition of her property. Mr. Anderson had been among the early settlers in the county which has proved to be so rich agriculturally and, witnessing its development, he also participated in its improvement and his name appears among those of the men who have rendered their fellowmen substantial and invaluable service.

On the 3d of May, 1883, occurred the marriage of Mr. Anderson to Miss Sophia Swanson, who is a daughter of Isaac and Annie Christina (Hammangson) Swanson, who were natives of Kisa, Sweden. In his native country Mr. Swanson carried on agricultural pursuits but subsequent to his marriage, twenty-nine years ago, he removed to America. He came to Polk township, Jefferson county, where he located upon a farm, and the following year Mrs. Swanson joined her husband. After it was decided to start a settlement where Packwood now stands, Mr. and Mrs. Swanson removed there, their house being the first built in the town. Although residing in Packwood, Mr. Swanson carried on farming until the ill health of Mrs. Swanson necessitated their removal to the home of their daughter, Mrs. Anderson, where the mother's death occurred October 27, 1911. To Mr. and Mrs. Anderson two children were born: Lilly Josephine Emily, who married Ivan C. Fray, a well known farmer residing on a part of the home place, and who is the mother of two children, Violet Arlene and Alice Iola; and Grant Clarence Gifford, residing with his mother, who is ably managing the home place and also the one hundred and eighty acres given to him by his father. Clarence Anderson is married to Miss Neva E. Hadley, a daughter of A. D. and Kate L. Hadley of Richland, Iowa.

In politics Mr. Anderson was a republican and had served as school director in his home district for several terms. In religious faith the family have always been members of the Swedish Lutheran church of

Packwood, in which they are both active and helpful. He was very highly esteemed by those who came in contact with him in public and private life, for honesty and integrity ever marked his acts.

JOHN GRABER.

The agricultural interests of Jefferson county, Iowa, number among the important contributors to their prosperity John Graber, a native of this county, born in Lockridge township, January 13, 1851. His parents, Christian and Fanny (Wyse) Graber were natives of France. His father accompanied his parents to this country before the end of the first quarter of the nineteenth century. They came to Iowa and obtained land from the government in Lockridge township. His father and mother were married in Ohio and came to Jefferson county where they commenced farming on land given to Christian Graber by his father. This he developed during the remainder of his years. His death occurred in April, 1888, at the age of seventy-six and his wife died January 28, 1876, at the age of fifty-four years.

John Graber was reared at home and educated in the near-by district schools. When he came of age his father gave him one hundred and twenty acres of land. Prior to this time he and his brother had operated the home farm of seven hundred acres, their chief product having been corn which sometimes averaged a yield of ten thousand bushels a year. After taking charge of his own farm he bought more land some of which is in Round Prairie township. He is a successful farmer, practical in his methods and tireless in his industry. He raises one hundred and twenty-five head of hogs a year, keeps twenty-six head of cattle and eleven horses. He is now the owner of two hundred and thirty acres of land, all in a high state of cultivation.

On September 2, 1882, Miss Lucy Elizabeth Stewart gave her hand in marriage to John Graber. Her father, Levi C. Stewart, was a son of Richard and Elizabeth (Cheney) Stewart, born January 29, 1836, in Sangamon county six miles south of Springfield, Illinois. He was married on Thursday, October 26, 1855, to Miss Callista Potter Arrowsmith, near Glasgow, Jefferson county, Iowa, the ceremony being performed by Reverend E. H. Winans. Callista P. Arrowsmith, a daughter of John and Lucy Rose Arrowsmith, was born March 1, 1833, in Westville, Champaign county, Ohio. In the fall of 1842 her parents came to Pittsburg, Van Buren county, Iowa, and settled in Round Prairie township near Glasgow, in Jefferson county. Here at her home her marriage to Levi C. Stewart



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occurred. Five children were born by this union. She underwent an attack of typhoid fever, which proved so virulent as to cause her demise and on March 23, 1867, she died and in July was buried at Forest Home cemetery at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. The following year, September 22, 1868, Mr. Stewart was married to Caroline L. (Phillips) Shelly, a daughter of Henry Phillips, born January 5, 1832, in Green county, Iowa. There were no children. Mr. Stewart was a farmer, his father having given him a start in his career by presenting him with a farm. He died in 1871; his widow survived him just twenty years, passing away in 1891.

In the spring of 1862 Mr. Stewart discontinued farming, and leaving his wife and children with her parents at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, he departed, on May 1, in company with a party consisting of his brother, his brother-in-law and others, for the gold fields in the far west, making the overland trip with ox teams. They went to Baker City, Oregon, Powder Creek Mine, thence to Centerville, Idaho, four hundred miles from Umatilla Landing in Oregon. Their return journey they made by way of San Francisco where they took passage for New York by the water route. They arrived home in August, 1863, after an absence of fifteen months. His family in Mt. Pleasant, rejoiced at his return, eagerly accompanied him back to the farm in Lockridge township, where Mr. Stewart has been engaged in farming ever since.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Graber were eight children. Mary Edith, the wife of Arthur Hilman, died February 25, 1910. Roland T., aged twenty-three, lives at home. Levi C. S., aged twenty-one, lives at home. Lollie E., aged eighteen years, is attending school at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Esther Rose, aged sixteen, and John, aged fourteen, are living at home. Two children died in infancy.

Politically Mr. Graber is a republican, but has never been an office seeker. With his wife he is a member of the Baptist church. He possesses force of character and determination and in the esteem of his friends holds a high place.

SANFORD BRAY.

Sanford Bray is one of the representative citizens of Black Hawk township, where he owns and successfully operates a farm of eighty acres, located on section 12. He was born on the township line between Penn and Black Hawk townships, one mile south of, where Keokuk, Washington and Jefferson counties join, on the 24th of January, 1851. His parents were Jerry and Emma (Hadley) Bray, the former a native of North

Carolina and of Scotch-Irish extraction. The first eleven years of his life Jerry Bray spent in his native state, going from there to Indiana, where he lived until 1848, when with his wife and family he removed to Iowa. Upon his arrival in Jefferson county he bought a farm in Black Hawk township, living in Penn township until he could obtain possession of his homestead. There he lived for forty-six years, passing away on the 24th of January, 1894, the forty-third anniversary of the birth of his son Sanford. The mother died during the infancy of our subject, and the father later married Miss Tempy Greeson, a daughter of George Greeson, a pioneer farmer of Keokuk county. Mr. Bray was called upon to mourn the loss of his second wife in 1891, her death occurring on their homestead.

Black Hawk township has always been the home of Sanford Bray, who began his education in the district schools of Penn township, which he attended until the first district school in Black Hawk township was completed. He later supplemented the course received there by four terms of study in Central College at Wapello, in which institution he taught between terms. Returning home at the end of that period he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, remaining on the farm with his father until his marriage. Subsequent to this event he located on a farm in Penn township that he operated as a renter for five years. This proved to be a very profitable undertaking and in 1881 he bought the place where he now lives, but did not remove there until February, 1882. Here he has ever since resided, and during the twenty-nine years of his occupancy has wrought many changes in the property. He is a capable agriculturist and gives the closest supervision to everything about his place, the general appearance of which is highly suggestive of thrift and prosperity. Good barns and outbuildings, a comfortable residence, well graded stock and fertile fields, that annually yield abundant harvests, are all to be found here, bespeaking capable management and intelligently directed effort. Mr. Bray is most enterprising and his farm is operated in accordance with modern agricultural methods and is yielding good returns.

On the 25th of March, 1875, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Bray and Miss Ruth Pickard of Pleasant Plains and a daughter of William and Mary (Bell) Pickard. The father was one of the successful farmers of Penn township, where he passed away more than twenty years ago. His death was the result of injuries sustained when he was thrown from a horse a few months previously. He fell on his head and spine and broke one leg, and although he suffered intensely he lingered for a hundred days before death relieved him of his pain. The mother survived him and during the last five years of her life she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Bray. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Bray numbered five chil-

dren: Elbert, who for twelve years was employed in the Woolson store, but is now located at Boulder, Colorado, married Eva Morgan of Black Hawk township and they have one daughter, Freda. Nellie, who is the second in order of birth, died when she was twelve years of age. Hattie married T. L. Stewart, a farmer of Keokuk county. William Ralph, who is engaged in farming in this township, married Hattie Orr. Mary Ethel is a sophomore at Central College, Wapello. She graduated from the district school at the age of thirteen years, then entered the academy at Pleasant Plain and for six years after her graduation from this institution engaged in teaching.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bray are members of the Baptist church of Penn township, and fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, having belonged to the Richland camp since its organization, eighteen years ago. In politics Mr. Bray is a republican, but he is bitterly opposed to the liquor traffic, so does not indorse this party's attitude on that question. He has several times been called to public office, having served for a year as trustee, two as assessor and three as clerk. For fourteen years he was secretary of the township school board, and was a member of the local board of school directors for several terms and president for one year. Mr. Bray is widely and favorably known in Jefferson county, where he has met with a fair degree of prosperity and has a large circle of friends, who appreciate his many substantial qualities and high principles.

FRED W. MESSER.

Fred W. Messer is engaged in the operation of the farm in Walnut township where he was born, on the 10th of February, 1879. He is a son of John Adam and Rebecca (Roth) Messer, the father a native of Germany and the mother of Iowa. In his early manhood John A. Messer emigrated to the United States, locating in Jefferson county. He subsequently bought some raw land in Walnut township that he set about clearing and improving. An energetic man of business ability, he made a success of his undertakings and as time passed, acquired the means to extend his holdings. He now owns two hundred and seventy-five acres in Walnut township and two hundred in Penn township, under high cultivation and well improved. In 1896, Mr. Messer withdrew from the active work of the fields, his property netting him an income sufficiently large to provide all of life's comforts. They continue to live on the old home-

stead on the farm, that has been their home for many years, he having attained the age of seventy-two years and she being sixty-eight years of age.

Practically the entire life of Fred W. Messer has been spent amid the scenes made familiar to him in his childhood, his preliminary education having been obtained in the district schools and later supplemented by two terms in the academy at Pleasant Plain. Ever since leaving school he has been operating his father's farm, and is meeting with a goodly measure of success. He is a capable young man of clear judgment and practical ideas, who intelligently concentrates his efforts on whatsoever he undertakes. In the pursuit of his vocation he directs his efforts in strict accordance with the commonly accepted methods of modern agriculture, thus keeping in touch with the progressive spirit of the times.

On the 8th of June, 1904, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Messer and Miss Celestine Engel, a daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Miksch) Engel, natives of Ohio. Together with his parents Joseph Engel came to Iowa, in 1861, locating on a farm in Washington county. He made his home with his people until his marriage, following which he and his bride took up their residence in another house on the same farm. After his father's death he purchased the old homestead, that he operated with increasing success for many years. In 1904 he retired from active life and he and the mother retired to Brighton, where they have ever since lived. He is now sixty-eight and she sixty-one years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Messer there have been born two sons, Clifford, who is five and Walter F., who is two years of age.

In matters of faith Mr. and Mrs. Messer are Lutherans, and hold membership in the English church of that denomination in Fairfield. He is a democrat in his political views and at the present time is acting as a trustee of Walnut township, having entered upon the duties of this office in January, 1911, and he is also a school director in the local district. Mr. Messer is a worthy representative of one of the pioneer settlers and is held in high regard in the community where he has always lived, because of his many fine personal traits and commendable standards of life.

JOSEPH J. KURTZ.

That Jefferson county is an attractive place of residence, that it offers many opportunities and advantages to its citizens, and that its social and intellectual conditions are pleasing and helpful is indicated by the fact that many of its native sons ever remained within its borders. Among this number is Joseph J. Kurtz. He was born July 5, 1860, in Walnut

township, where he still makes his home, being now one of its progressive agriculturists. His parents were John and Caroline (Weyer) Kurtz, natives of Germany and Mississippi, respectively. The father came to this country with his parents when only six months old, the family settling in Michigan whence a removal was afterward made to Illinois. There the grandfather engaged in farming for some time and in 1855 the family home was established in Jefferson county, Iowa, where land was purchased and the work of improving and developing a farm in Walnut township was begun. During this time John Kurtz was engaged in railroading and followed that occupation for about nine years, but at the time of his parent's death he came to Jefferson county, purchasing the interest of the other heirs in the old homestead property, and set about clearing and improving the place. He continued to develop and cultivate it until his death, which occurred in May, 1890. For two years he had survived his wife who died in June, 1887. During the long period of his connection with the agricultural interests of this section he was known as a worthy and respected citizen and one who at all times commanded the high regard of those with whom he was brought in contact.

Joseph J. Kurtz was reared on the old homestead and acquired his education in the district schools, remaining with his parents until he had attained his majority. During that time he became familiar with all of the duties and labors incident to farm work and when he started out in life on his own account rented a farm which he continued to cultivate for eight years. On the expiration of that period he invested his earnings in eighty acres of land in Walnut township and at once began the task of further improving this and adding to it all of the equipment and accessories of a model farm. As he has prospered in his undertakings he has increased his holdings until his possessions now aggregate three hundred and sixty acres of finely improved land which he continues to cultivate, the well tilled fields yielding to him golden harvests. In all of his work he has been very successful and in addition to the raising of cereals best adapted to soil and climate he also makes a specialty of stock-raising, keeping about one hundred and fifty head of hogs per year, also sixty head of cattle, twenty head of horses and seventy-five head of sheep. His live-stock interests constitute an important feature of his business and add materially to his income. In addition to other interests he is also a stockholder in the East Pleasant Plain Mutual Telephone Company.

In August, 1885, Mr. Kurtz was united in marriage to Miss Mary Arndt, a daughter of Ferdinand and Mary (Kipp) Arndt, who were natives of Germany, in which country Mrs. Kurtz was born in October, 1863. Her parents died in their native land, after which she came to the United States when eighteen years of age. Her girlhood days had been spent

upon her father's farm and like most German housewives her mother carefully trained her in the work of the household. The death of Mrs. Arndt occurred in 1872 and Mr. Arndt passed away in 1896, having never left their native country.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz have been born eight children: Hubert P.; Clara L., who died in March, 1890; Carolina C., William J., Bertha F., Theodore P., Dora G. and Bernard G., all of whom are yet at home. The family are communicants of the Catholic church and Mr. Kurtz is a democrat in his political views. He has served as school director of his district but has never aspired to public office. The work of his farm makes heavy demands upon his time and, recognizing the fact that industry is the basis of all honorable success, he works persistently and energetically to gain that prosperity which is the merited reward of labor. He is well known in this county and many of the comrades of his boyhood remain the friends of his manhood—a fact which is indicative of a well spent life.

CHARLES W. MOORMAN.

Charles W. Moorman, a retired farmer now living in Packwood, is one of the best known citizens of Jefferson county, where he has resided since he was seven years old. The son of Thomas and Margaret (Canady) Moorman, he was born in Highland county, Ohio, November 2, 1838. His parents were both of American descent, the father being born September 7, 1809, and the mother, February 14, 1814. Thomas Moorman was a farmer by occupation and came west when his son Charles was only six years of age, stopping in Henry county, Iowa, for one year and then going to Jefferson county, Iowa, where he located on a farm five miles west of Fairfield. He lived on this farm during the remainder of his life and died March 26, 1889, after surviving his wife for several years.

Charles W. Moorman remained at home with his parents until he reached his majority, attending the district school in winter and helping his father on the farm in summer. He then began farming on his own account, purchasing a tract of land in Black Hawk township, where he located and lived for nearly thirty years. In 1893, renting his farm, he moved to Packwood, where he still resides, having sold his land in 1902. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers Savings Bank of Packwood, in 1893, and served as vice president and director of that bank for years. In 1861 he enlisted at Fairfield, Iowa, in Company F, Third Iowa Cavalry, under Captain B. F. Crail, in Colonel Bussey's regiment. Soon after he was taken ill with a fever, lost the use of his right arm and was forced to

spend the winter in a hospital at St. Louis, in consequence of which he was discharged May 18, 1862.

On October 3, 1867, Mr. Moorman was married to Miss Esther Smith, daughter of John and A. L. (Bras) Smith. The father was a native of Massachusetts, born August 18, 1805, of English descent, and the mother was a native of New York, born August 17, 1827. They moved to Iowa in 1852, locating on a farm near Libertyville, in Jefferson county, where they lived for several years and then went to Brookville, Locust Grove township, where he passed away August 11, 1882. His wife survived him nineteen years, dying August 17, 1901, on her birthday, in Packwood, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Moorman. Mr. and Mrs. Moorman became the parents of five daughters, two of whom are deceased, Louie Pearl and Zeta May, the former of whom passed away at the age of three years and the latter, at the age of four. The eldest child, Maggie Gertrude, and the youngest, Hazel Alice, are at home. The other daughter, Edith Angie, is the wife of G. T. Everett, manager of a department in the Younkers department store in Des Moines, Iowa. They have four children: Charles John, born August 23, 1903; Marjorie Aileen, born July 16, 1905; Theodore Sheldon, born January 10, 1907; and Max, born March 27, 1909.

Charles Moorman has been very active all his life in helping to further the interests of his community. He and all his family are faithful members and zealous workers in the Methodist Episcopal church of Packwood. In every relation of life Mr. Moorman has been honest and conscientious and, therefore, he is held in the highest esteem by all in the township where he is so well known.

JOHN THOMAS.

John Thomas, who for more than a third of a century has been continuously and successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits in Black Hawk township, is the owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and fifty acres. His birth occurred in Stark county, Ohio, on the 29th of June, 1852, his parents being Nathaniel and Christina Thomas. The father removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio at a period when the latter state was still largely wild and unimproved, settling on a tract of land which the grandfather had entered from the government some years before. He undertook the task of clearing the property and gradually developed it into a productive farm. His demise occurred in 1864, while his wife passed away four years later.

Being thus left homeless at the age of sixteen, John Thomas secured employment as a farm hand, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. In the spring of 1874 he left his native state and made a trip to California but, being not altogether pleased with the west, he soon returned to this part of the country, stopping in Des Moines, Iowa, about the middle of July, 1874. Obtaining work in the harvest field, he remained in this state until November and then returned to Ohio, where he spent two years in the service of his previous employer. In the spring of 1877 he again made his way to Iowa and has here remained continuously since, following the pursuits of farming and stock-raising with excellent success. He now owns two hundred and fifty acres of land, all of which is tilled and under a high state of cultivation and improvement, the fields annually yielding golden harvests in return for the care and labor which is bestowed upon them.

On the 23d of March, 1890, at Agency, Wapello county, Iowa, Mr. Thomas was united in marriage to Miss Laura B. Timonds, a daughter of James and Eliza J. (Grobes) Timonds. The father was a harness maker by trade, but as his health would not permit of indoor work, he took up farming in Wapello county where he now owns a farm of three hundred and twenty acres and he and his wife are counted among the highly respected residents of that county. There were seven children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Timonds of whom one died when but two years of age, while all the rest are settled in Wapello county. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have no children. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. He enjoys an enviable reputation as a prominent citizen and substantial agriculturist of Black Hawk township and has ever manifested a deep and public-spirited interest in the welfare of his county, state and nation.

JOHN W. KIENTZ.

The farm which he is now operating in Walnut township was the birthplace of John W. Kientz, whose natal day was August 15, 1861, his parents being Christian and Caroline (Schaffer) Kientz, who were natives of Germany and Ohio respectively. The father came to this country with his parents when but a year old, the family home being established in Ohio, where the grandparents remained for seven or eight years. A removal was then made to Jefferson county, Iowa, where the Kientz family cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers, the father of Christian Kientz entering land in Walnut township. Not a furrow had been turned nor an

improvement made on the place. He cleared it and undertook the arduous task of developing the property, upon which he spent his remaining days, converting the wild tract into richly cultivated fields and deriving therefrom as the years passed by a substantial and gratifying income. For years he remained a worthy and valued citizen of this community and in his death Jefferson county mourned the loss of one of its worthy pioneer settlers. He passed away in 1893 and his wife died in 1896.

Christian Kientz remained with his parents during the period of his minority and his youthful experiences were those which usually fall to the lot of farm boys who are reared on the frontier. He shared with the family in the hardships and trials incident to pioneer life and early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. On attaining his majority he started out in life on his own account, purchasing the farm which is now the home of his son John. It was an undeveloped tract but he resolutely undertook the work of making it productive and the evidence of his labors was seen soon in well tilled fields and substantial improvements. He cultivated the crops best adapted to soil and climate and the years brought him a gratifying reward for his labor. He continued his farming operations until 1899, when he sold the old homestead to his son John and retired from active business life, removing to Germanville, Iowa, where he now makes his home with his daughter, his wife having passed away on the 4th of October, 1907. His memory runs back to the days when this section of the country was but sparsely settled, when the prairies in June were starred with a million wild flowers and in December were covered with one unbroken, dazzling sheet of snow. Only here and there had a little settlement been made to indicate that the seeds of civilization had been planted on the western prairies and with the work of improvement, especially along agricultural lines, he was closely associated for many years.

His son John W. Kientz was reared and educated in this county, attending the public schools and in the periods of vacation working in the fields, so that practical experience well qualified him for the tasks which he undertook on starting in the business world on his own account, at which time he rented a farm. After cultivating this for two years he removed to Kansas and engaged in farming there for two years. That period was sufficient to convince him that he preferred Jefferson county as a place of residence and, returning to Iowa, he afterward cultivated his father-in-law's farm for thirteen years. He then purchased the old home place of two hundred and thirty-five acres and has since made a number of substantial improvements thereon, converting it into a valuable property. In the midst of the fields stand a pleasant residence and good barns and out-buildings, which furnish ample shelter for grain and stock. Everything

about the place is neat and thrifty in appearance and his intelligently directed labor is bringing to him substantial success year by year. He is also a stockholder in the Brighton Mutual Telephone Company and is interested in all those progressive movements and business enterprises which are indicative of the trend of the times.

On the 2nd of March, 1887, Mr. Kientz was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Hillenbrand, a daughter of Casper and Elizabeth (Marks) Hillenbrand, who were natives of Germany. Coming to this country, the father located in Pennsylvania at an early day, remaining a number of years in the state, after which he came to Jefferson county, Iowa. Here he married a lady who was the owner of a farm in Walnut township that had been entered from the government. He cleared and improved the property and continued its cultivation until his death, which occurred November 29, 1907, having for less than four weeks survived his wife, who died on the fourth of that month. Mr. and Mrs. Kientz have become the parents of four children but one of the number died in infancy. The others are Hattie, Elizabeth and Lester, aged respectively twenty-three, twenty and seventeen years.

Mr. Kientz has served as a trustee of Walnut township and as school director for many years. He belongs to Green Mountain Lodge, No. 205, I. O. O. F., of Brighton, and in his political views is a democrat. He and his family attend the Lutheran church and in every part of the county are widely and favorably known, the hospitality of the best homes being freely accorded them. Mr. Kientz has been a lifelong resident of the county, spending much of his time upon the farm which is now his home, and, while he has carefully managed his business interests, he has at the same time found opportunity to cooperate in public work which has as its object the material, intellectual, political and moral progress of the community.

IVAN C. FRAY.

Sweden has sent many thrifty and progressive citizens to Jefferson county. Prominent among the younger class of these is Ivan C. Fray, whose birth occurred in Sweden about forty miles east of Copenhagen, Denmark, on March 19, 1881, his parents being John William and Louisa (Ram) Fray, both natives of Sweden. For sixteen years, before coming to America in 1884 with his family, the father served in the king's army. When he left his native land he came direct to Jefferson county, Iowa, locating in Black Hawk township, where he farmed until 1906. In that year he removed to Keokuk county and purchased a farm which he still

owns, and in addition to cultivating this land he is operating a gristmill at old Manhattan.

Ivan C. Fray was but three years of age when he came to America and his early years were spent attending the district school in Black Hawk township and assisting his father on the farm. Subsequently he worked out by the month but lived at home until twenty-three years of age, when he removed to a near-by farm, where he was employed for two years. After his marriage in 1905 he removed to Keokuk county, Iowa, where he remained for one year, and then removed to Polk township, Jefferson county, to locate upon the one hundred and sixty acre farm owned by Mrs. Fray on sections 22 and 23, where they are still residing. Mr. Fray is one of the well known stockmen of Polk township and deals extensively in cattle for the eastern markets. By his recognition and utilization of the opportunities for success which he saw in the business of buying cattle for the Illinois feeders, he has worked up a stock business which is not only very profitable at present but will offer even greater advantages in the future.

On the 27th of February, 1905, Mr. Fray was married to Miss Lilly Anderson, the only daughter of Andrew and Sophia (Swanson) Anderson, and to this union two children have been born, namely: Violet Arlene, born October 8, 1907; and Alice Iola, whose birth occurred May 28, 1911. In politics Mr. Fray is a stanch republican and has served as school director in district No. 3 of Polk township. He was at one time a member of the Packwood Lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America and both he and his wife hold membership in the Swedish Lutheran church of Packwood. Although still a young man, Mr. Fray has shown conclusively that many of his salient characteristics are among the requisites for success—alertness, energy, industry and integrity in all business dealings and social relations.

OLIVER I. WESTENHAVER.

Oliver I. Westenhaver, who was long and successfully identified with agricultural pursuits in this county, now operates a feed mill at Pleasant Plain. He also holds the office of justice of the peace and has ably discharged the duties devolving upon him in that capacity for thirteen years. His birth occurred in Ohio, on the 10th of September, 1838, his parents being Jacob and Elizabeth (Simpson) Westenhaver, who were natives of Virginia and Ohio respectively. The father drove from Ohio to Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1847 and subsequently made his way to Illinois, where he remained three years, subsequently purchasing a farm near Walnut

Creek and operating the same for three years. On the expiration of that period he returned to this county and in Penn township purchased a tract of eighty acres which was nearly all covered with brush and timber that had to be cleared away before the land could be utilized for farming purposes. The cultivation and improvement of that property claimed his attention throughout the remainder of his life, his demise occurring in 1894 when he had attained the age of eighty-three years. His wife passed away in 1895 at the age of eighty-four.

Oliver I. Westenhaver was a lad of nine years when he came to Jefferson county with his parents. He began attending school at the early age of four years and pursued his studies in Ohio, Illinois, and also in this county. When he had attained his majority he left the parental roof and for two years was busily engaged in the operation of a rented farm. Subsequently he bought a tract of twenty acres in Penn township and began its improvement and by additional purchase later extended the boundaries of his farm, operating the same for many years or until the death of his wife. He next lived with his daughter at Brighton for six years, but at the end of that time returned to his farm in Penn township, there continuing his agricultural pursuits for two years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of the property and took up his abode in Pleasant Plain, purchasing a residence and nine town lots. A year ago he bought a feed mill and has since operated the same with excellent success.

Mr. Westenhaver has been married twice. On the 4th of June, 1862, he wedded Miss Samantha Blissfield, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Henderson) Blissfield, who were natives of Virginia. Coming to Iowa, they settled near Brighton and there continued to reside throughout the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Oscar Willis, who is a resident of Pleasant Plain; Cora B., who is the wife of E. A. Mortimore and resides at Brighton, Iowa; Ida L., the wife of Samuel Cassady, of Brighton; and Hubert B., a railroad engineer living in Missouri. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in June, 1895, and on the 30th of August, 1907, Mr. Westenhaver was again married, his second union being with Carrie H. Funston, a daughter of John P. and Maria (Barcalow) Staats, both of whom were natives of New Jersey. The father, whose birth occurred in November, 1813, chose the occupation of farming as his life work and in 1839 removed to Illinois, where he entered and improved prairie land and carried on agricultural pursuits until 1853. In that year he came to Jefferson county, Iowa, and entered a tract of land, devoting his attention to its cultivation and improvement until he passed away on the 12th of September, 1903, at the age of eighty-nine years.

In politics Mr. Westenhaver is a staunch republican and his services have been in demand in positions of public trust. He has been constable, school director and road supervisor and is now acting as justice of the peace, in which capacity he has ably served for thirteen years. His religious faith is that of the United Brethren church, to which his wife also belongs. He has now passed the seventy-third milestone on life's journey and has long enjoyed an enviable reputation in both business and social circles.

DAVID H. MEALEY.

David H. Mealey, the present efficient mayor of Pleasant Plain, has for the past thirty-five years been continuously and successfully engaged in business as the proprietor of a well equipped drug establishment in that town. His birth occurred in Keokuk county, Iowa, on the 6th of February, 1851, but he lost his parents when still but a baby and consequently has no recollection of them. He was reared by his grandparents, Dr. Samuel and Margaret (Blaine) Mealey, who were natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively. The former, a physician and surgeon by profession, practiced medicine in the Keystone state for forty years and then came to Iowa in 1844, locating in Keokuk county, where he entered a tract of land and undertook the task of clearing and improving the property. Abandoning his profession, he gave his entire attention to general agricultural pursuits and operated that farm until 1853, when he disposed of the place and took up his abode in Brighton, Iowa. There he lived in honorable retirement until called to his final rest in 1871. His wife had passed away in 1869.

David H. Mealey was reared and educated at Brighton, Iowa, attending the high school of that place. When sixteen years of age he left the home of his grandparents and afterward worked at different occupations, including farming and railroading. Subsequently he began reading medicine under the direction of his uncle, Dr. T. S. Mealey of Pleasant Plain, whom he also assisted in the conduct of a drug store at that place. In 1876 he purchased the establishment from his uncle and has conducted the same to the present time with constantly growing success. The law requiring registration was not passed until 1880, since which time Mr. Mealey's registration number has been 1050. He carries a comprehensive line of drugs and druggist's sundries and enjoys an extensive and lucrative patronage. In addition to his place of business he owns an attractive and modern residence at Pleasant Plain. He is a stockholder and director of

the East Pleasant Plain Savings Bank and a stockholder in the East Pleasant Plain Telephone Company.

On the 16th of October, 1872, Mr. Mealey was joined in wedlock to Miss Margaret M. Fuqua, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fuqua, both of whom were natives of Tennessee. The father, a shoemaker by trade, worked at that occupation in Missouri until he passed away in 1860. His widow, who still survives at the age of ninety-five years, makes her home in Walla Walla, Washington. To Mr. and Mrs. Mealey were born seven children, as follows: Murrel B., an electrician residing at Portland, Oregon; Lulu, the wife of O. V. Klingeman, a farmer of Black Hawk township; Lilly E., whose demise occurred in June, 1909; Alfred H., a jeweler of Walla Walla, Washington; Bessie, who gave her hand in marriage to H. A. Shannon, an agriculturist of Texas; Samuel L., who also follows farming in Texas; and one who died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Mealey is a staunch republican and his services have been in demand in various positions of public trust and responsibility. He has held the office of township clerk of Penn township for fifteen years, has served as secretary of the school board for a similar period and acted as councilman during six consecutive years. He is the present mayor of Pleasant Plain and his administration has been characterized by many measures of reform and improvement. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, becoming one of the first members of the lodge here at the time of its organization in 1880. He enjoys the pleasures of an ideal home and is a man in whom public as well as private enterprise and the true civic spirit are highly developed.

GEORGE A. SPIELMAN.

George A. Spielman, manager and partner of the general store of the M. M. Spielman Company at Packwood and postmaster of the town, is one of the good substantial business men of his county. His birth occurred in the village of Merrimac, Iowa, July 21, 1869. The grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Spielman, were born and reared in Germany. In the prime of life they came to America and settled in Franklin county, Ohio, near Columbus, where the son, Lewis Spielman, father of George A. Spielman, was born. Lewis Spielman married Matilda Otterbine, a native of Stark county, Ohio, and she also was of German descent. In 1844 they went to Iowa, locating in Walnut township, where he bought eighty acres of land, to which he later added until at the time of his death he

owned one hundred and sixty-eight acres of very fine land. Here he resided—one of the most highly respected men of Walnut township—until the time of his death, on March 19, 1879. His wife remained on this farm until 1891, when she moved to Pleasant Plain, Iowa, where she now lives, greatly loved by all her acquaintances. They were the parents of nine children, of whom George A. Spielman was seventh in order of birth. The others are: John W., a retired farmer of Worthington, Minnesota; Mary, the wife of Henry Williams, also a retired farmer of Worthington, Minnesota; Henry E., a farmer of Brighton, Iowa; Franklin, who died at the age of twenty-three; Lewis, who died at the age of one month; Jacob, who died at the age of two years; Tillie, the wife of William Gardner, a government inspector of forestry at Cass Lake, Minnesota; and William, who died at the age of two years.

George A. Spielman was reared under the parental roof, attended the district schools and later, Pleasant Plain Academy. He helped with the work on the farm until he attained his majority and then entered the general store of F. L. Eck at Pleasant Plain, where he worked for two years. He was then employed in the store of Andrews & Powers in Pleasant Plain until 1895, when he moved to Packwood and established his present business. In 1903, under Roosevelt, he was made postmaster of Packwood, a position which he still holds. He has been for two years a member of the board of directors of the Farmers Savings Bank at Packwood.

On the 24th of October, 1894, Mr. Spielman was married to Miss Minnie Humphrey, a daughter of Sanford and Margaret Frances (Kendall) Humphrey. The father, a native of Penn township, Jefferson county, is of Irish-American descent and comes from an old Virginia family, the members of which were large land and slave owners. The mother was born in Miami county, Ohio, of German-Irish descent. Mr. and Mrs. Kendall moved to Iowa when their daughter Margaret was only nine years old and located on a farm in Penn township, Jefferson county, where they lived a great many years. The last few years of their active lives they spent in retirement and both are now dead. Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey became the parents of ten children, of whom Mrs. Spielman is the eldest. The others are: Alonzo, who is a liveryman at East Pleasant Plain, Jefferson county; Leward, who is superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Jacksonville, Illinois; Emmett, who is engaged in farming at Superior, Nebraska; Charles, who is a harness maker of Pleasant Plain, Iowa; Frank R., an employe of the Hall Railroad Signal Company of Syracuse, New York; Ina, who is attending college at Cedar Falls, Iowa; Zona, who is at home with her parents; and two sons, Clyde and Wilford, who died at the ages of nine months and twenty-two years respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Spielman are the parents of two children, Guy H. and Mildred Irene, both

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of whom are attending the Packwood high school and are also employed as clerks in the postoffice.

George A. Spielman has been very active in his life work and is recognized as one of the substantial business men of his township. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he takes an active interest in all local politics, being for six years clerk of Polk township, and also has served as a member of the Packwood city council and as city clerk. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America at Packwood, where he has been clerk of the lodge for fourteen years, and he is also connected with the Masonic lodge of Abingdon, Iowa. He and all his family are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church. From a financial, social and political standpoint he may well be called one of the most prominent citizens of his township.

REV. HENRY J. HOGAN.

Rev. Henry J. Hogan, the pastor of St. Mary's church, Fairfield, Iowa, was born June 9, 1874, in Davenport, Iowa. His parents, John Hogan and Cathrine Cooper Hogan, were born at Long Grove, Iowa, the father, July 1, 1840, and the mother, November 25, 1844. His mother was the daughter of Leonard Cooper, born October 19, 1799, and Julia Ann Elder, born March 21, 1805, at Loretta, Pennsylvania. Both grandparents were baptized by the Rev. Demetrius Gallitzin and united in marriage by him, on October 19, 1824, in the old St. Michael's church, Loretto, the most historical church in central western Pennsylvania.

His mother's parental and maternal ancestors emigrated from Lancashire, England, November 22, 1633, and reached America at Point Comfort, Maryland, February 27, 1834, with Leonard Calvert, the brother of Cecilius Calvert, the second Lord Baltimore, who had secured a special charter from King Charles I, and who, with his brother above mentioned, located their colony at St. Mary's, Maryland, March 27, 1634. As time went on the colony prospered and numerically increased, and eventually the descendants scattered throughout the country, some going to Kentucky, others to Pennsylvania, and others still to Ohio and Iowa, ever carrying with them the industry and probity for which they were noted, and the fidelity and loyalty to the religious faith of their fathers.

Father Gallitzin, the first priest in this country to have conferred upon him all the orders up to the sacred priesthood, was ordained by Bishop Carroll at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Maryland, March 18, 1795. His first appointment by Bishop Carroll was the care of the Catholics from



Henry J. Hogan.

Cumberland, Maryland, to Huntingdon and the heart of the Alleghanies in Pennsylvania. In July, 1799, Father Gallitzin was appointed pastor of Loretto, Pennsylvania, and in this appointment he was followed by the families of the great-grandparents of Rev. Henry J. Hogan, the immediate subject of this sketch. Their names were Henry Cooper and Mary Green on his grandfather's side; and Walter Elder and Priscilla Elder on his grandmother's side. His great-grandfather Henry Cooper was born, June 10, 1759. When the colonies declared their independence from the mother country he volunteered his services in the cause of his country, but owing to his youth was rejected. He persisted in his offers however, and eventually was accepted and served in the army until the conclusion of the American Revolution. In later years he took great delight in telling his family of his experience in the Continental army, the hardships and the privations endured, the courage and bravery of the soldiers and their gratitude to God in the surrender of Lord Cornwallis to the American patriots on October 19, 1781, at Yorktown, Virginia. The paternal grandparents of H. J. Hogan, were Patrick Hogan and Mary Pettigrew, the former born in County Tipperary, Ireland, and the latter in Scotland. They were married in 1839. John Hogan, their eldest son, when only twenty-one years of age, volunteered his services in the cause of his country and he was accepted and served during the entire Rebellion.

On January 8, 1866, John Hogan and Cathrine Cooper were married at St. Ann's, Long Grove, Iowa, and to them Henry J. and Charlotte B. were born. Henry J. was baptized by Monsignore M. Flavin, in the old St. Anthony's church, the first church built in Davenport and one of the first built in Iowa. His early boyhood days were spent in Scott county and Davenport, where he attended the public schools and later St. Ambrose College from which institution he graduated with the class of 1899. In September, the same year, he attended St. Mary's University at Baltimore, where he prepared for the priesthood, concluding his course there, after which he was ordained by His Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons, in the cathedral, Baltimore, on the 21st of June, 1902. On the 28th of June he was appointed assistant to Bishop Davis of the Sacred Heart cathedral and here he labored earnestly for three and one half years. He was then appointed pastor of St. Mary's church at Fairfield, January 1, 1906. His zeal for his church is untiring and his labors find their tangible expression not only in the spiritual growth of the parish but in the splendid new church which has recently been erected under his supervision and through his efforts. On the 17th of May, 1908, this church was dedicated and it was made a most interesting occasion to the diocese.

It was a happy day for Father Hogan, who had entered upon his mission in Fairfield, with "zeal, tact and eloquence" and set up a new ideal for

the people of St. Mary's in the building of the church that was up to the standard of its people. To make this ideal real, however, required more than zeal, tact and eloquence. It required genius too, that genius which the philosopher well described as "capacity for hard work." Father Hogan has demonstrated the possession of that capacity which is the crowning qualification of success in every vocation of life. His remarkable executive ability joined with his other qualifications, make him a credit to the clergy of the Davenport diocese. He undertook the arduous task of building a church under very peculiar circumstances and never ceased in his labors until this splendid equipped church was completed and on the day designated, it was dedicated almost free from debt. On this occasion Bishop Davis, The Very Reverend D. M. Gorman, president of St. Joseph's College, Dubuque, Iowa, and Very Reverend M. Bonfield, Chicago, Illinois, delivered eloquent and forceful sermons.

The church stands at the corner of Grimes and Third streets and it is a notable addition to the church architecture of Fairfield. It presents a beautiful and striking combination of the Romanesque and the old mission style of southern California. It is built of pressed brick, trimmed in Bedford stone and has a red-tile roof. It is ninety-five feet long and the width varies from forty-seven to sixty-three feet. The interior arrangement presents many novel and beautiful features not usually found in small parish churches. Three altars occupy the sanctuary and these with the statues and the stations of the cross and other ornaments were the gifts of individual members and friends.

The members of the parish and citizens of Fairfield cooperated heartily with Father Hogan in his efforts to build up this church under whose leadership the work was pushed vigorously until the house of worship was ready for dedication, which was made one of the most important religious occasions in the history of the church in Jefferson county.

CHARLES H. LINDER.

In the middle west there is prevalent a spirit of progress which prompts the individual to put forth his best effort and utilize his opportunities to the greatest advantage. And it frequently happens that the men who came from the east, after educational possibilities increased, have been appointed to fill business positions which not only call for energy, alertness and some training but also regulate and stimulate business. Among this class is Charles H. Linder, a charter director and the cashier of the Linby Savings Bank. He was born in Washington county, Virginia, Jan-

uary 17, 1859, his parents being Abram and Elizabeth (Vance) Linder, both of whom were natives of Virginia. Mr. Linder was an agriculturist of Scotch-Irish descent and resided in Virginia until his death in 1881. At that time he had sold the old homestead on account of ill health and was making arrangements to remove to Texas, where he hoped to find a more salubrious climate. In 1882 Mrs. Linder brought her family to Polk township, Jefferson county, where she rented a farm near Abingdon, which the sons cultivated until 1890. In that year Thomas M. Linder purchased his present farm just west of Linby and the mother resided there until her death in December, 1910.

Upon starting out to earn his own livelihood in 1885 Charles H. Linder accepted a clerical position in the store of T. W. Gobble & Company at Abingdon, where he remained for five years. On the expiration of that period he went to Oklahoma and entered one hundred and sixty acres of land in Logan county, which he still owns, although he returned to Abingdon and resumed his place as clerk in the Gobble store. He held this position until going to Libertyville and opening a mercantile business in partnership with Lee Gobble under the firm name of Gobble & Linder. After six years he removed to Fairfield, where he served as deputy county treasurer under Harry Brown for six months and in March, 1908, he began negotiations for opening a private bank in Linby in the store of Dudgeon & Gambill. This bank was recognized as being ready for business on the 7th of August, 1908, when Mr. Linder, together with L. Dudgeon, now deceased, A. H. Eller, also deceased, L. A. Andrew, C. B. Ruggles, F. R. Gambill and T. Kenyon organized and incorporated the Linby Savings Bank of Linby, Iowa, with a capital stock of ten thousand dollars. The first officers elected were: L. A. Andrews, president; L. Dudgeon, vice president; and Charles H. Linder, cashier. At the present time the officers are: Floyd R. Gambill, president; R. E. Mowery, vice president; and Charles H. Linder, cashier. These officers, together with W. E. Black, G. T. Russell, C. B. Ruggles and T. Kenyon form the present directorate. This banking institution has firmly established itself in the confidence of the community, a fact which is due to the integrity of the members of the directorate and the courtesy of the employes.

Mr. Linder was married in 1890 to Miss Della Foreman, who is a daughter of Richard Foreman, a well known agriculturist residing near Batavia. Mrs. Linder's death occurred while residing at Libertyville in 1907. To them two children were born. Edgar, the eldest, is now twenty years of age and has graduated from the Fairfield high school and the Cedar Rapids Business College. In August, 1911, he accepted the position of assistant cashier in the First State Bank of Holstein, Iowa. Horace,

the younger, attended the Fairfield high school for three years and is now a student of the Cedar Rapids Business College.

In politics Mr. Linder is a democrat and is interested in the success of his party and its measures and is thoroughly alive to the issues of the day. He is an honorable and progressive citizen and is recognized by the community at large as a forceful factor for development and improvement in the town in which he makes his home.

CASSIUS M. MCCHESENEY.

Cassius M. McChesney is one of the most prominent and best known farmers of Polk township, his landed possessions being extensive. His time and energies are devoted to the cultivation of six hundred and seventy acres and his practical judgment and progressive methods are manifest in the excellent appearance of his place and in the splendid results which crown his labors. He was born upon a farm in Clayton township, Woodford county, Illinois, October 26, 1858, a son of Jacob and Elsie (Davison) McChesney. The father was born in Rensselaer county, New York, in 1835 and was of Scotch and German descent, while his wife, also a native of Rensselaer county, was of Scotch-Irish lineage. Jacob McChesney was a college graduate, having pursued his course of study with the intention of becoming a representative of one of the learned professions. However, he changed his plans, was married and turned his attention to the carpenter's trade. His college training, however, was not lost, for it was the basis of his proficiency as a mechanic and of the artistic element which entered into the fine woodwork that he did in connection with his trade. Previous to his marriage he had engaged in clerking in a store for a time but later became connected with building operations. When twenty-two years of age he removed from the state of New York to Illinois, settling in Clayton township, Woodford county, where his son Cassius was born. For a few years the father resided upon a farm and in connection with the cultivation of his fields continued to engage in carpentering. At length he established his home in Minonk, Illinois, where he began work as a contractor and builder. There he lived for twenty years, following his trade throughout that period, but at the end of two decades retired from active life, his former indefatigable labor having brought to him a substantial return. Indolence and idleness, however, are utterly foreign to his nature and, being unable to content himself without some employment, he works just enough to keep himself active and well. His wife is still living and this worthy couple, who were married in Rensselaer county,

New York, are still traveling life's journey happily together, their mutual love and confidence increasing as the years have passed by.

In the public schools of Minonk, Illinois, Cassius McChesney pursued his education until he reached the age of sixteen years, when his parents returned to the farm, and there he assisted his father in the further development and improvement of the fields until twenty-three years of age, when he started out in life on his own account. He began farming on rented land, thus spending his time for three years on a tract near the old homestead. During that period he carefully saved his earnings until he possessed a sum sufficient to enable him to purchase eighty acres in the same neighborhood. For six years he resided upon that property and in 1890 he came to Jefferson county, Iowa, establishing his home about three miles east of Packwood in Black Hawk township, having previously disposed of his Illinois property. His first Iowa farm he purchased of Curtis Houghton—a tract of two hundred acres for which he paid thirty dollars per acre. For nine years he lived upon that place and during that period extended its boundaries by an additional purchase of forty acres. Subsequently he sold the two hundred and forty acre tract and removed to a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, two and a half miles south, which he purchased. There he made his home until 1904, when he took up his abode at his present place of residence, buying one hundred and seventy-six acres on section 25, Polk township. He still retains the Black Hawk township property, however, and both tracts of land are rich and valuable. At different times he has added to his holdings until today in the various fine farms which he owns are found six hundred and seventy acres of as arable and productive land as can be seen in Jefferson county. His entire acreage is well devoted to cultivation or to pasturage and Mr. McChesney and his son are now cultivating three hundred and twenty acres of his land, while the remainder he rents.

On the 29th of August, 1880, occurred the marriage of Mr. McChesney and Miss Flora E. Bennington, a native of Marshall county, Illinois, and a daughter of James N. and Amanda (Hollenback) Bennington. Her father was born in Tazewell county, Illinois, in 1831, and was of Scotch descent, while his wife, a native of Ohio, was of Scotch-Irish lineage. When only a year old Mr. Bennington was taken by his parents to Marshall county, Illinois, where he spent his entire life, always following the occupation of farming and making his home for a quarter of a century upon the farm where his death occurred November 10, 1911. His widow still resides on the old homestead. He was one of the worthy and honored pioneer residents of that district and all who knew him entertained for him high regard.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. McChesney have been born seven children, of whom five are yet living. LeRoy Virgil, who occupies his father's farm just north of the homestead property, married Lela Peters, a daughter of John and Mollie Peters, and they now have one child, Viola Irene. Lena Ellen is the wife of Melvin Barron, a farmer of Black Hawk township, and they have one son, Merle McChesney Barron. Cassius Cullom assists his father in his farming operations. Carrie Lois is a pupil in the Packwood high school and Blanche Marie is also attending school in Packwood. The two children who have passed away are: Ethel Irene, who died at the age of three years; and Viola, who died at the age of one year. The parents and the two oldest children are members of the Christian church of Packwood and in politics Mr. McChesney is a stalwart republican. He has served as clerk of Polk township for two terms and for several terms has been a member of the district school board in Black Hawk township. He has also been secretary of the school board of district No. 1 since coming to Polk township and is a champion of the cause of education, doing much to advance the interests of the schools in this part of the county. In fact Mr. McChesney is known as a citizen who has deep interest in the welfare and progress of his community and whose cooperation can always be counted upon to further any movement for the general good. As a business man he stands prominent among those whose labors have constituted the basis of substantial success. Wherever known he is held in high regard not only because his business interests have brought him prosperity, but also because of the straightforward, honorable policy which he has ever followed in the conduct of business transactions. He has based his principles upon the rules which govern strict and unswerving integrity and owes his success to his judicious investment, his sound judgment and his unfaltering energy.

ROBERT B. KENYON.

One of the men who have watched the advance of the installation of modern inventions and economic progress of Iowa is Robert B. Kenyon, whose birth occurred in Fairfield, on the 4th of September, 1847. His parents, whose marriage took place in Ohio, were Mr. and Mrs. James Kenyon, the former being born on the Isle of Man, February 18, 1818, of Manxman descent, and the latter born February 5, 1814. The father came to America with his parents when five years of age and located in Ohio, where he remained until after his marriage to Miss Jane Tier, a native of London, England. In 1846 they removed to Fairfield, Iowa,

where Mr. Kenyon followed his trade as a mason until 1859, when he took up farming for a short time near Fairfield. Subsequently he came to Polk township, where he purchased land and settled on the farm which is now owned by George E. Estes. Mr. Kenyon transported from Burlington to Omaha the surveying crew which made the first survey for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad through Jefferson county, Iowa. The greater part of the inhabitants along the route which this railroad followed had never before seen a train and Robert Kenyon remembers that as the first train entered Fairfield the children of the town put their hands to their ears endeavoring to shut out the noise which they had been told the train would make. They were greatly disappointed, however, that the noise was so slight. Until his death on the 20th of August, 1880, the father gave his whole time and attention to the cultivation and improvement of his property, upon which he had built a comfortable home for himself. The death of his wife occurred May 7, 1876.

Robert B. Kenyon received his education in the schools of Fairfield and Polk township and lived with his parents until sixteen years of age, when he enlisted at Abingdon for service in the Civil war, serving with Company D, Nineteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. This regiment became a part of the Department of the Gulf. Mr. Kenyon saw some rather interesting fighting. He took part in the siege and capture of Spanish Fort and the battles of Mobile, Goode's Plantation and Fort Gaines, in addition to a number of skirmishes. He remained in service until the close of the war and after his discharge at New Orleans, August 20, 1865, he returned to his home in Polk township and engaged in farming with his father until his marriage. After that he farmed independently on the old homestead for four years, at the end of which time he removed to his present homestead, which then consisted of eighty acres but has since been enlarged to two hundred and forty acres. This property is all under a high state of cultivation and is some of the most improved farm land in the district, yielding profitably and attesting the ability of its manager.

Mr. Kenyon was married on the 12th of October, 1876, to Miss Mary Cline, a native of Ohio and a daughter of William and Rebecca Cline. They were both born in Ohio, the former June 6, 1824, and the latter July 12, 1831. They came to Jefferson county at an early day and located in Polk township on the farm upon which they lived until their deaths, February 10, 1868, and June 14, 1864, respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon five children have been born. William E., the eldest, married Mertha Black, of Polk township, and is engaged in a clerical position in a store at Packwood. They are the parents of one child, Earl. Anna J. became the wife of William Mills, who is an agriculturist of Polk township and was formerly engaged for several years in the harness making

business in Packwood. They are the parents of three children, Marie, Fern and Mary. Nora Dollie is the wife of John Carr, an agriculturist of Polk township. Lewis Earl resides at home with his parents and is married to Effie Shy, of Keokuk county. He farms for himself, renting land from his father. Roy, who is assisting his father in the management of his property, resides at home.

Mr. Kenyon, although a republican in political principles, casts his vote for the man whom he thinks is best fitted for the office to be filled no matter what his party affiliation. He has served one term as township clerk and is at present serving his second year as township trustee. He has also been a school director for several years and has filled for eleven years the office of road supervisor. Until its discontinuation Mr. Kenyon was a member of the Grand Army post at Abingdon and Mrs. Kenyon holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Packwood. In 1908 he retired from active farming and gave the management of his place over to his sons, who are now engaged in carrying on general farming and feeding cattle. Throughout his life he has been a hard and persistent worker and has well earned the comforts and leisure which he is now enjoying.

JOHN H. KYLE.

John H. Kyle, who passed away in Penn township, on the 5th of January, 1888, was for a number of years identified with general agricultural pursuits in Jefferson county. His birth occurred in Louisville, Kentucky, on the 7th of November, 1844, his parents being John and Mary (Steel) Kyle, who were natives of Scotland and Ireland respectively. The father emigrated to the United States at an early day, locating in Louisville, Kentucky, where he was married and was employed in a cemetery for a number of years. In 1856 he came to Jefferson county, Iowa, and purchased a tract of land in Penn township, clearing and improving the property and being busily engaged in its operation until called to his final rest in 1894. His wife passed away in August, 1876.

John H. Kyle obtained his early education in his native city and subsequently made his way to St. Louis, Missouri, where he entered college and took up the study of pharmacy. After completing the course he worked in a drug store as a registered pharmacist for four years. On the expiration of that period he came to Jefferson county and began assisting his father in the operation of the home farm, residing thereon throughout the remainder of his life. At the time of his father's death his widow came

into possession of the home place of one hundred and ninety-three acres. For the past seventeen years Mrs. John H. Kyle has leased the property and has lived in a residence of her own at Pleasant Plain.

It was on the 4th of July, 1866, that Mr. Kyle was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Parshall, who was born at Brighton, Iowa, on the 10th of September, 1848, her parents being Simon and Elizabeth (Auld) Parshall, natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania respectively. The father, a blacksmith by trade, came to Jefferson county, Iowa, in an early day, making the journey overland with an ox team through a country infested by Indians. After conducting a blacksmith shop in this county for some time, he removed to Brighton, Iowa, locating there when the little village boasted only three houses. Opening a blacksmith shop, he conducted the same until the outbreak of the gold fever, when he joined several other men in an overland journey to California, working as a miner in that state for three years. At the end of that time he returned to Brighton and again opened a blacksmith shop, conducting the same until he died of cholera in 1854. His wife long surviving him, passed away in 1896. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kyle were born eight children, three of whom died in infancy. The others were as follows: Mary, who is the wife of Edward Jones and resides at East Pleasant Plain; Clara, the wife of B. S. Cash, of Albia, Iowa; John, a grocer of Pleasant Plain; Jessie, the wife of Bert Weitzel, a salesman for Borden's Condensed Milk Company; and Fanny, who passed away on the 20th of October, 1887.

Mr. Kyle gave his political allegiance to the republican party and held several positions of public trust. He served as township clerk for several years and also acted as assessor and as secretary of the school board. Fraternally he was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Fairfield, Iowa, while his religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church. His widow and children belong to the Methodist church. Mrs. Kyle has many friends in the community where she resides and the hospitality of the best homes is cordially extended her.

JULIUS CRILE.

Julius Crile, well known in agricultural and financial circles of Jefferson county, is today one of the most extensive landowners in this part of the state, his possessions aggregating ten hundred and sixty acres, most of which lies in Walnut and Lockridge townships, Jefferson county. It was in the former township that his birth occurred in July, 1846, his parents being John P. and Gottlieben (Kull) Crile, both of whom were

natives of Germany. On coming to America the father located in Marion county, Ohio, where he lived for eight or nine years, and in 1836 he arrived in Jefferson county, Iowa, settling in Walnut township, where he entered one hundred and sixty acres of government land. Later he secured another claim of forty acres and with determined purpose began clearing the land and turning the first furrows in the field. The work of further development and improvement was continued by him throughout the remainder of his days but death claimed him when this was still a frontier district. He passed away in 1848 and his wife survived him many years, her death occurring in 1906.

Julius Crile was reared and educated in Walnut township and always remained with his mother. He was but two years of age when his father died and when twenty-two years of age he began farming on his own account, joining his brother in the purchase of the old homestead property of two hundred acres. They farmed this in partnership for six years, at the end of which time Julius Crile sold his interest to his brother and invested in one hundred and ninety-four acres, since which time he has carried on farming independently. With resolute purpose he began the task of developing his property and that he has prospered is indicated in the fact that from time to time he has added to his holdings until he now has in his possession ten hundred and sixty acres of valuable land, of which one hundred and forty acres lies in Henry county, while the remainder is situated in Walnut and Lockridge township, Jefferson county. Whatever he has undertaken he has carried forward to successful completion and that his methods are practical and progressive is manifest in the excellent appearance of his place, with its well tilled fields, its substantial buildings for the shelter of grain and stock and a pleasant and commodious residence. He raises about sixty head of hogs each year and keeps eleven head of cows and twenty-two head of horses. He also deals largely in horses and is well known as a breeder, having four Percheron stallions and one Shire. He is likewise a stockholder in the Pleasant Plain Savings Bank and in the State Bank of Brighton and has become widely known in financial circles.

In August, 1871, Mr. Crile was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Hankammer, a daughter of John and Mary (Holbiser) Hankammer, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father came to the United States in 1883, settling in Keokuk county, Iowa, where he purchased and improved a farm, continuing in its operation until about a year prior to his death. His last year was spent in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Crile and here he passed away in 1893. His wife died in 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Crile have become the parents of eight children: Emma, now the wife of George Diers; George, who died in 1905; Lizzie, the wife of Frank

Diers; Ida, the wife of Dave Powell; John; Ben; Clara, the wife of Earl Smith, who is operating a farm in partnership with her father; and Minnie, at home. After an illness covering two years the wife and mother passed away in 1898 and her death was the occasion of deep regret to many friends as well as her immediate family.

Mr. Crile exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democratic party and his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. His record is notable by reason of the success he has achieved and the honorable, straightforward business policy which he has ever followed. He has never sought to take advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen in any trade transaction but through industry and wise investment has won the prosperity that places him now among the most extensive landowners of Jefferson county.

WILLIAM H. DUTTWEILER.

William H. Duttweiler, owning and cultivating a fine farm of seventeen acres within the corporation limits of Pleasant Plain, has remained a resident of Jefferson county from his birth to the present time and has devoted his time and energies to agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. He was born in Walnut township, on the 30th of November, 1850, his parents being Lewis and Sarah (Hetzal) Duttweiler, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Greene county, Ohio. Lewis Duttweiler crossed the Atlantic to the United States when a youth of eighteen years, locating in Ohio, where he worked as a farm hand for several years and was likewise employed in a sawmill. In 1840 he came to Jefferson county, Iowa, entered eighty acres of land in Walnut township and undertook the task of clearing and improving the property. As his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he purchased an additional tract of forty acres in Walnut township and later bought a farm of seventy acres in Lockridge township, whereon he made his home until called to his final rest in 1891. The period of his residence in this county covered more than a half century and in his passing the community lost one of its respected pioneer agriculturists. The demise of his wife occurred in 1878.

William H. Duttweiler obtained his education in the district schools of Jefferson county and remained under the parental roof until twenty-four years of age. He then devoted his attention to the cultivation of rented land for fifteen years and at the time of his father's death came

into possession of the latter's farm of seventy acres in Lockridge township. After he had improved the property to quite an extent he was attacked by rheumatism and suffered therefrom for ten years. At the end of that time he again resumed the active work of the fields, operating his farm in Lockridge township until 1905. In that year he sold the place and purchased seventeen acres of land within the corporation limits of Pleasant Plain, paying five thousand dollars for the property. The farm is well improved in every particular and the well tilled fields readily respond to the care and labor which is bestowed upon them. Mr. Duttweiler has won a gratifying measure of prosperity in his undertakings as an agriculturist and has long been numbered among the substantial and esteemed citizens of his native county.

In July, 1878, Mr. Duttweiler was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Allred, a daughter of James and Mary (Cummins) Allred. The father took up his abode in Henry county, Iowa, at an early day and followed farming as a life work. He also ran a ferry boat on the Skunk river. His demise occurred in 1864, while his wife, long surviving him, passed away in Missouri, on the 29th of November, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Duttweiler have four children, as follows: Emma, the wife of John Williams, a carpenter of Mount Pleasant, Iowa; Mary, residing in Walnut township, who is the wife of Rapier Duttweiler, a second cousin; and Lydia and Henry F., both at home.

Mr. Duttweiler gives his political allegiance to the democratic party, and has served as road supervisor of Lockridge township for two years. His fraternal relations are with the Yeomen, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, to which his wife also belongs. In social relations he is held in the highest regard and has a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

LEVERETTE K. WALLACE.

Leverette K. Wallace, a retired farmer who now resides in Packwood, was born in Athens, Athens county, Ohio, August 7, 1856, his parents being John and Mary (Peabody) Wallace, who were residents of Illinois for many years. John Wallace was born in Arbroath, Scotland, April 15, 1832, and came to America with his parents when but eleven years of age, settling in Washington, Tazewell county, Illinois, and engaging in farming. Here, on the 17th of November, 1853, he married Miss Mary Peabody, who was born in Pennsylvania of Yankee descent, August 20,

1833, and here, where later on Leverette K. Wallace became a successful and prominent agriculturist, they remained until 1856, when they came to their present place in Washburn. They were the parents of twelve children, namely: Laura M., Leverette K., Clara F., Fidelia, Thomas, Jeanette, Minnie, John F., Myra A., May, Charles and Bennie. In 1861 John Wallace commenced dealing in live-stock and his business increased so rapidly that he soon was conceded to be the largest dealer in this line in the vicinity. He always took great interest in political affairs and filled the office of assessor, collector, school director and supervisor, which latter position he held for seventeen years. He also was a candidate on the republican ticket for county judge. His demise occurred January 12, 1907, while his wife had preceded him in death, on February 2, 1898. While John Wallace prepared a home for himself and was building the house, Mrs. Wallace went to Ohio, and it was on this trip, when she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jeanette Burnham, that her son Leverette was born. The following autumn she rejoined her husband.

Leverette Wallace spent his early life at home, attending the district school and assisting his father on the farm. At the age of twenty-two years he began his independent career by leaving the home place and renting an adjoining farm from his uncle, which he worked for one year. At the end of that time he rented for five years a two hundred and sixty-acre farm about five miles from his father's property, but before the expiration of this lease he purchased one hundred acres of it and later on, the remaining one hundred and sixty acres, and this was his home from the spring of 1881 until 1894, when he sold it and came to Iowa, locating on the farm of two hundred and forty acres, one and three-quarters miles northwest of Packwood, Polk township, Jefferson county, which he had purchased, and later added to it two hundred and forty acres, so he now owns four hundred and eighty acres in all. For sixteen years he successfully cultivated this property but in 1910 he rented it and moved to Packwood, where he is now living in the comfortable home he remodeled and improved. Outside of his land interests Mr. Wallace is a stockholder in the Farmers Savings Bank of Packwood, of which institution he serves as a director.

Mr. Wallace was married December 10, 1879, to Josephine Stephens, the daughter of Edward and Susan (Kniffen) Stephens, who were both born near Albany, New York, and were of Yankee descent. In the early '50s Mr. and Mrs. Stephens came to Illinois but after a short sojourn returned to New York from where they again removed to Illinois, settling in Peoria county. Here Mr. Stephens engaged in farming, the occupation for which he had been trained in his youth, and he continued it until he retired from active life and removed to Washburn, Illinois, where he is

now residing with his daughter, Mrs. L. B. Owens. Mrs. Stephens' death occurred in 1895, in Washburn, Illinois.

To Mr. and Mrs. Leverette K. Wallace four children have been born. Dora, the eldest, is the wife of Curtis Woolums, a prominent farmer of Black Hawk township, and they are the parents of three children, Velna, Lilah and Edward. Mary died at the age of eighteen years. Nora is the wife of Loren White, a tea and coffee merchant of Fairfield, and to them one child has been born, Wallace Hazen White. John Edward, a resident of Burnside, Illinois, is a graduate of the Franklin high school, of Fairfield and was a student at Parsons College and at Elliott's Business College at Burlington, Iowa. After having received this training he became assistant cashier in the Burnside Bank.

Mr. Wallace is a republican, firmly believing that the principles of that party are most conducive to good government. He has always been interested in all projects which will serve the general welfare of his community and for ten years he acted as school director in Polk township, an office which he filled conscientiously and ably. Both he and Mrs. Wallace are members of the Christian church, the latter being active and prominent in the Willing Workers' Society of the church. Packwood has in Mr. Wallace a citizen who is well known and esteemed for his integrity, progressiveness and advocacy of what is best in moral and social development.

JOHN CARR.

John Carr, who is carrying on general farming on section 22, Polk township, was born on the farm, upon which he is now residing, on the 2d of April, 1875, his parents being Samuel and Martha (Smales) Carr, whose marriage occurred in 1850. The former, who was born in Fayette county, Ohio, was the fourth in a family of nine children, his birth occurring May 25, 1825, and the latter was a daughter of John Smales, a native of Virginia. The paternal grandparents of John Carr, Jehu and Sarah (Foltz) Carr, were both natives of Virginia. Jehu Carr removed to Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1840, locating in Fairfield township, and four years later removed to Polk township, where he remained for many years before coming to Oregon, where his death occurred in 1870. Mrs. Jehu Carr passed away while they were residing in Ohio. Samuel Carr came to Iowa with his parents when fifteen years of age and assisted in the opening and clearing of the farm which his father undertook to cultivate. Until he was twenty-five years of age he was employed as a farm laborer by the month but, having saved sufficient money to start in

a more independent career, he rented a farm in Locust Grove township for five years and subsequently in 1861 purchased his first land, a sixty-one-acre piece, which he cultivated until 1875, when he disposed of it and purchased the farm where John Carr is now residing. Among the improvements which he made upon his farm was the building of a home costing fourteen hundred dollars, which at that time was a costly farm residence for Jefferson county. His death occurred here, on the 6th of September, 1904, his wife having passed away on the 2d of March of the same year.

John Carr remained at home until twenty-one years of age. He attended school in Polk township in district No. 6 and assisted his father in his agricultural pursuits but on attaining his majority his father gave him forty acres of land, which he began cultivating independently and at the same time doing some farming for his father. After the latter's death he purchased one hundred and forty acres from the estate and is still engaged in farming this in addition to his original tract. In his management he has shown skill and ability in both general farming and feeding stock and is recognized as one of the progressive and successful younger farmers of his township.

On the 10th of January, 1906, Mr. Carr was married to Miss Nora Dollie Kenyon, a daughter of Robert Burns and Mary (Cline) Kenyon. In politics Mr. Carr has always given his support to the republican party and, although he is actively interested in the success of its measures and its men, he has never sought office for himself. The demands made upon his time by his agricultural pursuits and the pleasures which he finds in his own home are so great that he has never desired lodge connections or fraternal affiliations. Mrs. Carr is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Packwood. By indefatigable energy and constant application to the scientific development of his farm Mr. Carr has won a good measure of success and is today accorded a high place among the ranks of agriculturists of his district.

THOMAS M. LINDER.

Thomas M. Linder owns and cultivates a thirty-five acre farm at Linby, Polk township, and by constant application has achieved a good degree of success. His birth occurred in Washington county, Virginia, on the 16th of May, 1854, his parents being Abram and Elizabeth (Vance) Linder, both of whom were natives of Virginia, where the father was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death in 1881. The following

spring the mother removed to Jefferson county with her family and located upon a farm near Abingdon, which her sons cultivated until 1890, when they removed to the newly acquired property of T. M. Linder, situated west of Linby.

Thomas M. Linder attended the district school in Virginia until he came to Jefferson county with his mother. After she had leased a farm for nine years he purchased his present property in 1891 and has made this his home up to the present time, his mother and brothers C. H. and James A. also residing with him. This property is attractively situated adjacent to the town of Linby and is a comfortable place of residence, where Mr. Linder may spend his later life with more leisure than he was accorded in youth, for, being the eldest son, there was much responsibility for him to assume after the death of his father and he has spent many years laboring for those dependent upon him.

James A. Linder, one of the brothers of our subject, is married to Miss Clarinda Steele, a daughter of W. H. Steele, who was a pioneer of Polk township. Nine children have been born to this union: Margaret, who is the wife of L. V. Brown, a farmer near Linby; Jessie, who resides at home; Dora, who died at the age of fourteen years; and Sallie, Mary H., Alice D., Nellie, Ruth and Clara Belle, all living at home.

In politics Thomas M. Linder is a democrat and for the past fourteen years has been serving as treasurer of school funds in his home district. While his life has been passed quietly, his record contains lessons of value and is worthy of emulation, for it shows how much can be accomplished by persistent effort and diligent labor.

J. ADAM MESSER.

J. Adam Messer is the owner of much valuable farm property in Jefferson county, his holdings including two hundred and seventy-five acres in Walnut township whereon he resides, and two hundred acres in Penn township. All this is the visible evidence of a life of well directed energy and thrift for he started out empty-handed and through his own labor has become the possessor of valuable holdings. He was born in Germany, June 2, 1839, so that he has passed the seventy-second milestone on life's journey. His parents, George and Magdalene (Snyder) Messer, were also natives of Germany, in which country the father followed farming until he determined to try his fortune in the new world, settling in Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1855. His first purchase of land made him owner of one hundred and sixty acres in Penn township. It



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was wild and uncultivated and he at once began the arduous task of clearing it and making it a productive tract. He afterward added eighty acres more to this place and continued the further cultivation of his farm throughout his remaining days. His death occurred in February, 1885, and his wife passed away in 1880.

J. Adam Messer was a youth of sixteen years when the voyage was made across the Atlantic and he came with his parents to Iowa. He early assisted his father in the work of the fields and continued at home until twenty-five years of age when, desirous of making a start in the world on his own account, he began farming for himself. He first purchased eighty acres of land from his father of which ten acres was cleared. He cleared the timber on this land and improved it, making a wonderful change in the appearance of the place. His labors have further continued its development and later purchases have extended the boundaries of that property until he now has in the old homestead two hundred and seventy-five acres. He also has purchased two hundred acres in Penn township and thus has become one of the extensive farmers of his part of the county. In addition to his agricultural interests Mr. Messer has become well known in other business connections, being now a stockholder in the Iowa State Savings Bank of Fairfield and one of its directors, and a stockholder in the East Pleasant Plain Telephone Company. He has made a monthly crop report to the government since 1882 and is much interested in what statistics are shown concerning the development of the state and its productiveness.

In March, 1865, occurred the marriage of Mr. Messer and Miss Rebecca Roth, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Klopfenstein) Roth, who were natives of France and of German descent. The father came to Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1838, and entered one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government. He afterward returned to Ohio where he was married, and then came to his farm in Iowa, taking up the arduous task of transforming wild prairie into richly cultivated fields. He devoted his energies to the further development and improvement of the property throughout the remainder of his active business life. He passed away in 1897, having for about eleven years survived his wife, who died in March, 1886. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Messer are five children: Mary M., now the wife of Alvin Knorr, a resident farmer of Walnut township; Anna Lizzie, the wife of Bernard Diers, who follows farming in Buchanan township; Cora M., living at home; John E., who is cultivating his father's farm in Penn township; and Fred W., who is operating his father's farm in Walnut township and is serving as township trustee.

For ten years J. Adam Messer has filled the office of township trustee and for fifteen years has been a school director. The cause of education

has ever found in him a stalwart champion whose efforts to promote the standard of the schools has been practical and effective. His political indorsement is given to the democratic party and he and his wife hold membership in the First Lutheran church at Fairfield. He is also president and treasurer of the Mutual Insurance Company and has held this office for twenty years. He has now passed the seventy-second milestone on life's journey and for fifty-six years of this period has been a resident of Jefferson county, so that he well deserves to be numbered among its early settlers and merits the credit that is due to those who have been active factors in the work of general progress and improvement. In his business life he has never taken advantage of the necessities of others but has depended upon his own labor and enterprise for his success and as a result of these qualities has gained a place among the prosperous farmers of Walnut township.

JAMES FREDERIC CLARKE, M. D.

Dr. James Frederic Clarke is one of Fairfield's native sons, born February 23, 1864. His parents were Dr. Charles Shipman and Sarah Louisa (Wadsworth) Clarke. The father was born in Marietta, Ohio, December 15, 1814, and the mother's birth occurred in Pittsfield, Vermont, November 28, 1815. They were married in Frederickstown, Ohio, October 7, 1834, and subsequently became residents of Maysville, Kentucky, where they remained four years. They then came to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, in 1843. Dr. Charles Clarke was a graduate of the medical school of Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a careful student, a diagnostician of unusual ability, generous to a fault, and he had the respect and esteem of all who knew him. While in Mt. Pleasant he was appointed by Governor Grimes as a member of a commission to study the insane hospitals of the country and to establish Iowa's first institution of that character.

The horseback-riding and hard night-and-day professional work of a large practice in a sparsely settled country, undermined the Doctor's health. He was compelled to give up active practice and this was only possible by leaving the community. For this reason he moved to Fairfield, in 1852, where both he and his wife spent their remaining days. Dr. Charles Clarke's life's labors were ended in death, March 4, 1882. Mrs. Clarke survived him until November 29, 1905, when she also passed away in Fairfield.

They were both actively interested in the welfare and progress of the community. Although Dr. Clarke was too old to enter the army at the

time of the Civil war, he gave freely of his means and Mrs. Clarke gave all her time and labors, to aid in the equipment of the soldiers. Both were active workers in the public library—the first of such institutions in Iowa—and for all other public institutions. Both were members of the Universalist church, thoroughly believing in universal salvation. Dr. Clarke left the republican party at the time of the Greeley independent movement and thereafter usually voted with the democracy. The democratic party made him, on one occasion, its candidate for the state legislature.

Unto Dr. Clarke and his wife were born five children: Emma Wadsworth, now living in Fairfield; Charles Ansyl, who after serving thirty years in the United States navy, is now a retired lieutenant commander, living in California; George Danforth, who succeeded his father in the drug business, in Fairfield, where he died in 1902; Mary the wife of J. W. Sampson of Weldon, Iowa; and James Frederic.

James Frederic Clarke has always made Fairfield his home, save during the periods spent in acquiring his education. After attending the public schools he was for three years a student in Parsons College. During this time he was one of the founders of the first Agassiz Society in Iowa—a scientific organization which flourished for years and had branches all over the state. These Agassiz clubs finally united in a state organization and Mr. Clarke was elected the first president of this "Iowa Assembly of the Agassiz Association."

From Parsons College Dr. Clarke went to the Iowa State University, where he graduated on the honor roll in the class of 1886 with the degree B. S., his graduating thesis being a study of Indian corn. He next entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and was there given the degree of M. D., after a three years' course of study and again was on the honor roll for scholarship in 1889. The same year he received his Master's Degree from the University of Iowa for work in physiology.

After graduating in medicine, Dr. Clarke entered the competitive examination for the position of resident physician in the Philadelphia Hospital. Being successful in this, he served two years in this venerable institution of seventeen hundred beds, acquiring a broad practical experience in medicine and surgery. For a time he was chief resident physician and while here, he published a study of the mercurial tremors of felt-hat makers.

Returning to Fairfield Dr. Clarke began the practice of his profession and after a few years work, he spent one further year in post-graduate study in Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, and in the University of Goettingen, Germany.

Dr. Clarke has always taken an active interest in medical and scientific societies. He has been a member of the American Society of Microscop-

pists, the American Public Health Association, the Philadelphia Pathological Society and aside from all the local medical societies he belongs to the American Medical Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and is a fellow of the Iowa Academy of Sciences. He has sometime served as president of the Des Moines Valley Medical Association and of the Southeastern Iowa Medical Association and as first vice president of the Iowa State Medical Society.

In 1900 Dr. Clarke was appointed "lecturer on hygiene" in the medical and dental departments of the State University of Iowa. For the past eight years he has been lecturer on bacteriology in Parsons College, in Fairfield. He has made a special study of defective children, having discovered and relieved many cases of sporadic cretinism and, through addresses in various parts of the state, he has called wide attention to this often misunderstood condition.

In 1891 Dr. Clarke was united in marriage to Miss Melinda E. Clapp, a native of Ohio, then living in Lee Center, Illinois, a daughter of Sylvester Clapp. In 1906 Dr. Clarke was elected to represent Jefferson county in the Iowa state legislature. Though a democrat he had a majority of six hundred votes in a county which has a normal republican majority of one thousand. Jefferson county had not before sent a democrat to the legislature for forty years. Dr. Clarke was for one term mayor of Fairfield, during which time he labored for the construction of a sewer system and other city improvements. Failing to carry his cherished plans through a factional city council, he resigned for the purpose of focusing public attention on the situation. The letter of resignation, widely published, helped in the accomplishment of the city's advancement. He is connected with the blue lodge, chapter and Knights Templar of Masons and is a member of the Congregational church.

At the beginning of the Spanish war, Dr. Clarke, who had long been connected with the Iowa National Guard, was commissioned major and surgeon of the Forty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and he served in this rank throughout the war, in Florida and Cuba. Most of this time he was on detached duty, in charge of the medical wards of the second division hospital of the Seventh Army Corps. Here, with at times thirteen assistants, he cared for the sick in a hospital of seven hundred beds. Knowing from experience the value of trained women nurses, Dr. Clarke, early in the war, asked that they be employed to care for the sick soldiers in these semi-field hospitals. This attempted innovation for army hospitals met with the emphatic disapproval of the regular army corps surgeon. Disregarding army traditions, in the cause of dying soldiers, Dr. Clarke went over the heads of his superiors and appealed through the governor of Iowa to the secretary of war. For this insubordination he was sent

back to his regiment by the corps surgeon, but his object was accomplished. The governor of Iowa was allowed to send graduate women nurses to care for Iowa soldiers, the precedent was established, and soon female nurses were employed throughout the army hospitals in the field. The cause of Dr. Clarke's dismissal being brought to the attention of General Fitzhugh Lee, the corps commander, he was soon reinstated to his position as chief physician in the division hospital. Dr. Clarke later established and had charge of the Convalescent Hospital at Pablo Beach, Florida.

At the present time Dr. Clarke is witnessing the completion of a project for which he has worked for twenty years, the establishment of a hospital in Fairfield. For all these years he has agitated this subject and finally, when the Munger law made the voting of a hospital-tax possible, he as a committee of one, appointed by the physicians of the county, had sole charge of the campaign which carried at the polls, by a five-hundred-majority vote, a tax to build a hospital.

Though some time president of the local Old Settlers Association, a director in the Chautauqua Association and active generally in the public life of Fairfield, the following three things, Dr. Clarke feels, are his only important contributions to the welfare of his fellowmen: The introduction of trained women nurses in army hospitals.—The development of many imbecile cretin-children into normal individuals.—The building of a hospital in Fairfield. Dr. Clarke's principal writings, other than those already mentioned, are: "Huber." A Hospital Story. Midland Magazine. "What Iowa People Eat." New York Medical News, 1898. "The Plasmodia of Malaria." Studies in the Philadelphia Hospital. Reports of cases of Sporadic Cretinism in the Medical Fortnightly and the Journal of the American Medical Association at various times. "A Medical History of the Forty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry." Iowa Medical Journal. "The Water Supply of Fairfield." Fairfield Tribune. "Who are the Doctors of Medicine." President's Address.

LEE T. GOBBLE.

Lee T. Gobble, a resident of Fairfield since 1896, during which period he has been actively connected with the banking and mercantile interests of the city, being now senior member in the firm of Gobble & Heer, clothing and men's furnishing goods, was born in Abingdon, Jefferson county, Iowa, December 18, 1859, a son of T. W. and J. E. (Taylor) Gobble. The former was a native of Virginia, born August 20, 1818, and the latter was born in England, March 1, 1839. T. W. Gobble continued his resi-

dence in the Old Dominion until twenty-six years of age when he came to Jefferson county, in 1844, and took up his abode in Abingdon, where for sixty years he engaged in merchandising. His wife became a resident of Nauvoo, Illinois, and removed with her parents to that place during her early girlhood, afterward going to Granby, Missouri, where she remained until she became a young lady. She then came with her foster parents to Polk township, Jefferson county, and was there married. By a former marriage Mr. Gobble had six children, four of whom are now living and by his second marriage, to Miss Taylor, there were born seven children of whom six yet survive.

Lee T. Gobble, the eldest of the second family, spent his youthful days in the usual manner of farm lads, to whom carefully alternated play and work brings a well rounded development. In 1882 he took up the occupation of merchandising in Abingdon in connection with his father and there remained actively in business for fourteen years, or until 1896, when he transferred his interests to his younger brother and removed to Fairfield. He entered business circles of this city as a clerk in the Iowa State Savings Bank and thus served until elected assistant cashier, while subsequently he was chosen to the office of second vice president. He continued in that position until 1899, when, in connection with Charles A. Heer, he purchased their present clothing business from the W. H. Booker estate. Under the firm style of Gobble & Heer they have since conducted a well established business in clothing and men's furnishings, conveniently located on the north side of the square. They have a well selected stock and in the conduct of the business employ only such methods as will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny. Mr. Gobble is also the owner of farm property to which he gives his personal supervision and he is likewise president of the Fairfield Farm Company, Incorporated, which owns a rice plantation in Arkansas county, Arkansas, while in connection with C. H. Gage he is interested in rice lands in Poinsett county, Arkansas. In business affairs he is both forceful and resourceful and his enterprise enables him to overcome difficulties and obstacles, while his industry promotes that constant progress which is bringing him to the goal of success.

In 1882 Mr. Gobble was married to Miss Mary M. Flindt, who was born in Abingdon, this county, on the 12th of November, 1860, and is a daughter of John D. and Laura (Schneider) Flindt. Her father was born in Holstein, Germany, May 20, 1819, a son of K. Flindt, a native of that place. In 1849 the father came to America, settling in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, where he followed the wagon-maker's trade. After a residence of four years in the Keystone state he removed westward to Iowa and took up his abode in a house in Abingdon, which remained his home until his death, on the 30th of December, 1893. His wife, who was born

in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, February 6, 1832, was of German lineage. They were married in Marshall county, West Virginia, November 17, 1851, both being residents of that county at the time. The death of Mrs. Flindt occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gobble, January 30, 1899. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Flindt were born three children: Sarah, the wife of Charles H. Gobble, an insurance man of Muscatine, Iowa; Mary, the wife of Lee T. Gobble; and John W. Flindt, a grocer, of Abingdon, who married Lilly Johnson, a daughter of M. J. Johnson, of Fairfield. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gobble have been born two sons, Robert Bruce and Carl Flindt. The former, born February 12, 1883, is associated with his father in business here. He married Vera Atchison, of Albia, Iowa, and they have one child, John Robert. Carl Flindt, born September 7, 1885, is now professor of animal husbandry in Purdue University, of Lafayette, Indiana. He is a graduate of the Ames Agricultural College, of the class of 1910. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gobble are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Fairfield and he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In church work Mrs. Gobble has been particularly helpful, acting as a teacher in the Sunday school from early womanhood, and for the past twelve years she has been president of the Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church of this city. She is also a member of the Fairfield Ladies' Improvement Society, and Social and Literary Clubs, and is widely recognized as a woman of innate refinement and liberal culture, well qualified to take a leading position in the social circles of the city. Mrs. Gobble has for years been a contributor to various papers and magazines, her pen name of Margaret Flindt, which is a part of her maiden name, being well known in household and farm papers. She was a member of the first board of directors of the Fairfield Chautauqua Association and was a member of that board when the park was purchased, and permanent improvements made. She is especially interested in all educational and philanthropic lines of work.

Mr. Gobble has been associated with a number of interests of a semi-public character wherein the public has been a direct beneficiary. His deep interest in the cause of public education was manifest in his nine years of service as a member of the school board, during which period the Lincoln school building was erected. His labors in behalf of the system of public instruction here have been far reaching and beneficial. He was also one of the first subscribers to the Chautauqua Association and he acted as one of the committee to raise a bonus to secure the establishment of the plant of the Iowa Malleable Iron Company in Fairfield. He also acted as a member of the committee planning for the rebuilding of Parsons College. He stands always in favor of progress and improvement to the extent of

being willing to give his active aid and cooperation to various measures for the general good. His work has been a tangible asset for advancement and for business enterprises as well, which, after all, constitutes the real foundation of a city's growth and prosperity.

SANFORD HUMPHREY.

A well earned rest is now being enjoyed by Sanford Humphrey, who for many years was identified with general agricultural pursuits but at the age of seventy-two years is now living retired. He was born in Penn township, this county, November 22, 1839, and is undoubtedly one of the oldest, if not the oldest, native son. He can tell many interesting tales of the early days, when Iowa was still a part of the territory of Wisconsin, when its broad prairies were uncultivated and when in certain districts of the state the Indians were more numerous than the white settlers. He has seen much wild game and remembers the days when there were no railroads and comparatively few wagon roads.

His parents were Raleigh and Phoebe (Edwards) Humphrey, both of whom were natives of Virginia, but in 1839 the family home was established in Jefferson county, Iowa, the father here entering land from the government in Penn township. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon the place, but he at once set about clearing and developing the property and continued the cultivation of his fields throughout the remainder of his life. He died in April, 1877, at the age of sixty-nine years, and his wife passed away in 1905, at the remarkable old age of ninety-six years.

Sanford Humphrey was reared upon the old homestead farm and early became familiar with the arduous tasks incident to the development of new fields. In his youthful days he attended the district schools and, after putting aside his text-books, he continued to devote his energies to the work upon the home farm, until he reached the age of thirty years. He then started out independently, purchasing eighty acres in Penn township, which he at once began to cultivate. Year after year he tilled the fields and good crops were harvested, for his methods were practical and progressive. He studied the best time to put in his seed and cultivated such cereals as are best adapted to soil and climatic conditions. From the sale of his crops he was able to add something to his income each year and in 1908 he retired with a handsome competence, removing to Pleasant Plain, where he purchased a fine home which he has since occupied.

On the 25th of May, 1871, Mr. Humphrey was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Kendall, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Engle) Kendall, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The father was a cooper by trade and followed that pursuit for some time but afterward purchased a farm in Penn township and at once began to clear and improve it. Year by year he operated his land until 1893, when he sold out and retired from business life, removing to Fairfield, where his remaining days were spent in the enjoyment of well earned rest. He died in September, 1901, at the age of eighty-two years, and was survived by his wife until 1909, when at the age of seventy-five years she was called to her final rest. Their daughter, Mrs. Humphrey, was born in Ohio, in 1851, and was brought to this county by her parents in August, 1855. By her marriage she has become the mother of ten children: Minnie M., now the wife of G. A. Spielman, a resident of Packwood; Alonzo A., residing at East Pleasant Plain; Leward S., who makes his home in Jacksonville, Illinois; Clarence Emmett, living in Superior, Nebraska; Charles R., a harness dealer of Pleasant Plain; Frank R., who resides in New York; Wilford K., who met his death in a railroad accident in 1909; Iva E., who is attending school at Cedar Falls, Iowa; M. Zona, at home; and Wilbur Clyde, who died in January, 1881. The family attend the Friends church and are loyal to its teachings. Politically Mr. Humphrey is a republican, having supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has always been loyal to the best interests of the community and his life has ever been an upright, honorable one, commending him to the confidence and good-will of all who know him. He has never sought to figure prominently in public affairs but has been content to do his duty well day by day and the years have brought him the high regard and honor of his fellow townsmen.

CHARLES W. BENN.

Charles W. Benn, one of the best known horsemen of Jefferson county, is the owner of some excellent horses of more than national fame. A native of Polk township, he was born September 7, 1866, a son of Alexander P. and Phoebe (Cowger) Benn, the former being a native of Virginia of Irish descent, and the latter of Indiana, of German descent. Alexander P. Benn came to Iowa before the Civil war, at which time he was only seventeen years of age, and located in Jefferson county. He worked out by the month for a while but after his marriage he bought a fine farm in Polk township, where he lived during the remainder of his

life, dying in 1891, while his wife passed away in 1888. Mr. Benn was one of the pioneer threshers of Iowa, owning and operating a threshing machine all his life and even at the time of his death, when he was no longer able to oversee the running of the machine, he still owned one. His first thresher was an old style chaff piler. He became a very noted stockman and wealthy farmer in Iowa and was highly honored throughout the county whose early growth and development he had witnessed.

Charles W. Benn attended the district schools in Polk township and then helped his father on the farm and at threshing until he was twenty-four years of age when, on August 26, 1891, he married Miss Minnie Swain, of Fairfield, Iowa, a daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Stewart) Swain. The father was born in Virginia and died there when Mrs. Benn was a small child. The mother came to Iowa over thirty years ago and settled in Fairfield, where she now lives. At the time of his marriage Mr. Benn moved to one of his father's farms, which he purchased shortly afterwards. Selling this tract of land, he afterwards bought and sold a number of farms, and on December 16, 1904, having disposed of his farm property, he went to Packwood, where he now resides. Since his boyhood days Mr. Benn has been engaged in the threshing business and for over thirty years has owned and operated a machine. Today he owns and operates one of the largest and best steam outfits in this part of the country. During this time he has purchased five new steam-power machines which he bought from Russell & Company, of Massillon, Ohio. He, however, began this work with an Altman & Taylor horse-power machine. To Mr. and Mrs. Benn has been born one child, Robert K., aged nineteen, who is a graduate of the Packwood high school in the class of 1911 and is now a student in the Kansas City Veterinary College.

Mr. Benn has always been a lover of good horses and was not twenty years of age when he bought his first stallion. There have been very few years since that he has not owned from one to half a dozen blooded stallions or at least has had an interest in some. In 1908 Mr. Benn took his son Robert into partnership, under the firm name of C. W. Benn & Son. Today they have in their stables seven finely bred animals, namely: Paul—his foreign registered number being 45371, his home number 40400—Percheron Norman, was imported from France in 1903, at the age of two years. This animal is well known in the horse world, having won repeatedly from all competitors in show rings in France and America. Ben Hur—No. 49550—Percheron Norman, is American born, was foaled in 1907 and is recorded by the Percheron Society of America. Gredin—No. 64447—was imported from France in 1909 and is five years old. Sheffield—No. 42440—Percheron Norman, is American born, was foaled in 1904 and is recorded by the American Percheron Horse Breeders and

Importers' Association. Romulus—No. 22674—imported Percheron, was bred by the famous Coco and Brilliant families and imported from France in 1899. Packwood Boy—known as Billy—is a standard bred and registered in Rule 1 of the American Trotting Registry Association. He is five years old. A stud colt two years old is unnamed and unregistered and is sired by Paul.

Mr. Benn gives his support to the democratic party and is very active in local politics, having served one term as mayor of Packwood and three terms as a member of the city council. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic Lodge of Abingdon, Iowa; with the commandery and Royal Arch chapter of Fairfield; with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Abingdon; with the Modern Woodmen of America at Packwood; and with the Knights of Pythias of Packwood, having been a member of the latter organization throughout the entire period of its existence. As a lifelong resident of Jefferson county, connected with many fraternal organizations and so well known in the business world, Mr. Benn's record is that of an eminently successful and prominent citizen.

JOHN F. MANN.

One of Jefferson county's enterprising sons is John F. Mann, who in connection with the operation of his fine homestead and the supervision of his various other personal interests is creditably discharging the duties of township clerk. He was born in Walnut township, on the 17th of March, 1871, and is a son of the late Christopher and Catherine (Wendling) Mann, the father a native of Germany and the mother of the state of Ohio. Christopher Mann spent the first ten years of his life in the land of his birth, whence he emigrated to the United States with his parents. Upon their arrival in this country they located in Jefferson county, the father entering a tract of land in Walnut township, which he put through the various preliminary operations preparatory to its cultivation. There he spent the remainder of his life, as did likewise his wife. The education of Christopher Mann was completed in Jefferson county, following which his youthful energies were expended in assisting with the operation of the home farm until the breaking out of the Civil war. With most commendable patriotism he volunteered his services in the Union cause, enlisting in Company K, Seventh Iowa Volunteers, and went to the front where he remained until the close of hostilities. Upon receiving his discharge he returned to this county and resumed the duties of civil life as a farmer, and for some years thereafter gave his entire attention

to the cultivation of the family homestead. By means of his thrift and capable management during that period he acquired the means to enable him to buy one hundred and forty-seven acres of raw land in Walnut township. This he cleared and improved and after erecting thereon a house and barn, settled there, all of his future efforts being directed toward its further improvement. He was very successful in both his farming and stock-raising and in addition to his valuable property had accumulated a very comfortable competence at the time of his death, on the 2d of May, 1902. The mother is still living and now makes her home in Brighton, Washington county.

Walnut township has practically always been the home of John F. Mann, who is indebted to its district schools for his education. As is usually the case on the farm, when old enough he was assigned the lighter duties about the homestead. After mastering the common branches he laid aside his school books and gave his entire attention to the work of the farm, remaining at home until he had attained his majority. When he was twenty-one he became associated with two others in the equipment of a threshing outfit, that they operated until 1902. During the season when he was not occupied with threshing he followed the carpenter's and painter's trades until the death of his father, when he rented the old farm, until after the estate was settled in 1906, when he bought the interest of the other heirs and acquired the full title to the property. Here he has ever since resided, and during the period of his ownership has greatly enhanced the value of his place by the addition of various modern improvements and conveniences, consistent with the spirit of progress that characterizes all of Mr. Mann's undertakings. He devotes his fields to the cultivation of such cereals as are best adapted to the soil and climate and is annually reaping abundant harvests. Besides his agricultural pursuits, he owns a half interest in two threshing outfits and is a stockholder in the Mutual Telephone Company. Thrift and industry have been salient features in the career of Mr. Mann, who is one of the substantial citizens of the township as is manifested by his fine property and other interests.

On April 16, 1902, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Mann and Miss Minnie Heyde, a daughter of Henry and Kate (Faber) Heyde, the father a native of Jefferson county and the mother of New York. The father, who was born and reared in the country began farming in Jefferson county. As soon as he had acquired the necessary means he bought a tract of raw land in Walnut township, and energetically applied himself to placing it under cultivation. He operated this farm until 1907, when the rental of his property and the returns netted by the competence he had accumulated made it possible for him to retire from active life, and he and the mother removed to Brighton, where they still live. To Mr. and Mrs. Mann there

have been born three children: Rhua, who is six; Ralph, now four; and baby Eugene, two years of age.

Despite the exactions of his many personal interests, Mr. Mann always finds time to fulfill his share of the governmental duties of the township and to meet the other requirements of citizenship. In his political views he is a democrat and for the past four years he has been acting as township clerk, and he also served as school director. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and belongs to Green Mountain Lodge, No. 205, I. O. O. F., Brighton. Mr. Mann has always been regarded as a very capable and reliable business man, and as such is often times put in positions of trust and responsibility and is now acting as the guardian of John H. Mount, of unsound mind. He represents the third generation of his family in Walnut township, so is widely known and is held in favorable regard because of his fine personal worth and upright principles.

WILLIAM BOOS.

William Boos is one of the estimable citizens and highly successful agriculturists of Jefferson county, where he has spent his entire life. He was born in Lockridge township, in October, 1869, and is a son of John and Louise (Shuppy) Boos, the father a native of France and the mother of Pennsylvania. In his early manhood John Boos left his native land, crossing the Atlantic to become a citizen of the United States. He located in Jefferson county in 1855, and soon thereafter acquired a tract of government land in Lockridge township. This he cleared and developed, devoting his attention to its cultivation until 1897, when he sold it and bought a smaller place adjacent to Fairfield. Although his circumstances would easily have permitted him to live retired, he had led too active a life to be happy in idleness, so continued to operate his farm until his demise on the 22d of March, 1905. He had been an energetic and industrious man, whose high principles and upright conduct won him the esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

William Boos remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, obtaining his education in the district schools. The value of thrift and industry and a full appreciation of these virtues in the acquirement of success was early instilled in his youthful mind, and when little more than a boy he was entrusted with many of the heavier duties about the farm. In 1890 he started out for himself and for six years thereafter worked out by the month. At the end of that time he had acquired enough money to begin farming for himself as a renter, so he

leased land that he operated for twelve years. During that period he met with justifiable success, acquiring sufficient capital to buy one hundred and twenty acres. The further development of his property has ever since engaged the attention of Mr. Boos, who during the succeeding years has extended the boundaries of his farm by the addition of another eighty acres. Here he engages in diversified farming, in connection with which he makes a specialty of stock-raising, and annually prepares for the market about seventy-five hogs, while he keeps thirty head of cattle and ten horses. His farm presents a most attractive appearance, the buildings are in good repair, while the grounds and fences bespeak careful attention, everything about the place suggesting capable supervision and competent management. Vigilant and alert Mr. Boos gives his sole consideration to his fields and his crops, and the high grade of his stock is evidence of unremitting care and incessant labor. To his personal direction no less than the prudent conduct of his affairs must be attributed much of his success.

On the 18th of December, 1895, Mr. Boos was united in marriage to Miss Ida T. Crile, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Fichner) Crile, the father a native of Ohio and the mother of Jefferson county. Mr. Crile came to this county during the pioneer days, and when old enough to make his own way in the world bought and improved a farm in Walnut township. There the mother passed away in 1884, but he is still living on his homestead, the cultivation of which claims his entire attention.

Of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Boos there have been born three children: Clarence William, who is fifteen years of age; Harry Andrew, who is nine; and Mabel T., who passed away in February, 1902.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Boos affiliate with the Lutheran church, and in politics he is a republican, and has served as school director. He is widely known in the community where he resides, as practically his entire life has been spent in the immediate neighborhood, where he has a large circle of friends whose esteem he has won and retained by reason of his valuable traits of character.

WASHINGTON W. KNOX.

Washington W. Knox, who since 1903 has been postmaster at Abingdon, in Polk township, Jefferson county, Iowa, was born February 6, 1849, on the farm in Wapello county on which his maternal grandfather, Skillman Doughty, settled in 1845. He is the son of William D. and Amanda Jane (Doughty) Knox, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. Skillman Doughty, who was a blacksmith by trade, was born in Virginia

in 1897 and came to Iowa in 1845, where he resided until his death, June 12, 1887. His wife, Jane (Downey) Doughty, was born in Nicholas county, Kentucky, in 1795 and survived her husband by three years, dying in 1890 at Abingdon. At the time of her husband's death they had been married seventy years and three months, lacking one day—an occurrence that is very unusual in life. The paternal grandfather, Samuel Knox, was born in Virginia in 1768 and died in Illinois in 1865. He was a minister of the gospel in the Christian church and also followed the occupation of farming. William D. Knox, the father, was born in 1822. He followed the occupation of farming until 1853, when he engaged in the mercantile business at Abingdon, Iowa, and remained there until 1856. He then removed to Illinois, where he resided until 1859, at which time he went to the gold mines of California and is still living in that state. He served in the rebellion against the Mormons at Nauvoo, Illinois. In Wapello county, Iowa, he wedded Amanda Jane Doughty, who was born in Nicholas county, Kentucky, in 1825. After his departure for California the wife, together with her children, returned to Abingdon, Iowa, where she lived until 1879 and then removed to Eldon, Iowa, at which place she died in July, 1880.

Washington W. Knox remained at home with his mother and attended school in Abingdon until 1872 and then began farming in Polk township, where he remained until 1886. At that date he removed to Locust Grove township and the following year returned to Abingdon where he bought town property and began working as a traction and stationary engineer. He followed this trade until 1893. Under President Roosevelt's administration in 1903 he was appointed postmaster of Abingdon, a position in which he is still serving.

Washington W. Knox has twice been married. On January 25, 1872, he wedded Miss Sarah L. Ramey, who died in Abingdon, December 23, 1887. She was a daughter of Henry Ramey, a farmer of Polk township. To this union five children were born: Mary, who is the wife of Joseph Lawson, a coal miner and farmer, living five miles south of Fairfield; William H., who lives with his brother-in-law, Mr. Lawson, and is a farmer and wood chopper; John M., who resides with his father; Rachel, the wife of Bert Robinson, a railroad man of El Dorado, Arkansas; and Martha Ellen, the wife of Charles Bender, a farmer of Wapello county, Iowa. On December 31, 1893, Mr. Knox was married to Miss Rosetta Vanness, a daughter of Amos Vanness, who resides near Abingdon. They are the parents of two children: Flossie, who is at home and helps her father in the postoffice; and Norris A., who is at home and attends the high school in Abingdon.

Mr. Knox is a stalwart republican and a public-spirited man, taking an active interest in all local politics in the town of Abingdon. He has served as justice of the peace in Polk township for three years and as constable for two years. He is greatly interested in the cause of education and has been a member of the school board since 1896. His wife is a faithful worker in the Methodist Episcopal church and they both have many friends in Abingdon. His support of any movement or measure is never half-hearted nor is his position an equivocal one, therefore his cooperation constitutes a valued factor in the furthering of the interests of the public welfare.

GUST SAMUELSON.

Gust Samuelson, who passed away on the 30th of December, 1907, enjoyed an enviable reputation as one of the substantial agriculturists and prominent citizens of Black Hawk township. His birth occurred in Ostergotland, Sweden, on the 6th of August, 1859, his parents being Samuel and Gertrude Sophia (Anderson) Samuelson, who are mentioned at greater length on another page of this work, in connection with the sketch of John O. Samuelson, a brother of our subject. Gust Samuelson was a lad of eleven years when he crossed the Atlantic to the United States with his father and was reared to manhood under the parental roof in Black Hawk township, Jefferson county, Iowa. He followed farming in association with his father and brother for several years prior to his marriage and at the age of thirty-five years started out upon an independent career. Making his way to the state of Washington, he there worked by the month for a year and then returned to the home farm in Black Hawk township, this county. Subsequently he took a trip to his native land, returning to this country at the end of a few months. Again journeying to the state of Washington, he there remained for two years and on the expiration of that period returned home, working with his father for three years. A short time previous to his marriage he purchased a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Black Hawk township, this county. On that place he spent the remainder of his life, extending its boundaries by an additional purchase of eighty acres. He won a gratifying measure of prosperity in his undertakings as an agriculturist and was numbered among the successful and representative citizens of the community. In 1908 his widow removed to Packwood, where she purchased a nice home and began the work of educating her children. She intends to provide them with the advantages of a collegiate course of study and in the future will prob-

ably take up her abode in Fairfield, that they may attend Parsons College at that place. Mrs. Samuelson leases her farming property and is one of the well known and highly esteemed women of Packwood.

It was on the 12th of May, 1897, that Mr. Samuelson was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Fray, who was born in Sweden, on the 7th of January, 1870, her parents being John W. and Louise (Ram) Fray, likewise natives of that country. John W. Fray, who served in the Swedish standing army for fifteen years, emigrated to America in 1885 and located in Jefferson county, Iowa, operating rented farms in Polk and Black Hawk townships for a number of years. In 1907 he removed to Keokuk county and purchased a farm of eighty acres and also the Manhattan Rolling Mills, which he owns and operates at the present time. His wife is also living and they are pleasantly located on their farm just a quarter of a mile from the mill.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Samuelson were born four children. Grant Dewey, whose birth occurred February 2, 1898, is named for General U. S. Grant and Admiral George Dewey and is now attending the Packwood high school. Samuel Edward, whose natal day was September 16, 1900, is also attending the Packwood schools. Ruth Margaret, who was born on the 16th of January, 1902, is likewise pursuing her studies at Packwood. Retha Irene, born June 6, 1904, is a public-school student at Packwood.

Mr. Samuelson exercised his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party but neither sought nor desired office as a reward for his party fealty. His religious faith was that of the Swedish Lutheran church, to which his widow also belongs. Prior to his marriage he was identified with the Knights of Pythias at Fairfield but eventually dropped out of the lodge because of the long distance to town. While his life was quietly passed in some ways, it was nevertheless fruitful of good in that he was always faithful to every trust reposed in him, progressive in his citizenship and reliable in his business connections.

DILLON TURNEY.

Dillon Turney, active in the industrial circles of Fairfield, is now manager of the wagon manufactory of Joel Turney & Company, in which connection he displays marked mechanical skill and keen sagacity. He was born in Trenton, Iowa, October 10, 1865, a son of Joel and Sarah M. (Parent) Turney. The father, who was born in 1826, learned the wagon-maker's trade at Columbus, Ohio, and in 1844 came to Iowa, settling at Trenton, where he followed his trade, conducting both a blacksmith and

wagon-making business. There he remained until 1888 when he removed to Fairfield, establishing the business now conducted under the firm style of Joel Turney & Company. He was one of the oldest if not the oldest wagon-maker in this state at the time of his death, having begun the manufacture of wagons in Iowa in 1852. In 1888 he built a factory in Fairfield and following its destruction by fire in 1897 at once rebuilt and was closely associated with the business until his death, which occurred in 1905 when he had reached the venerable age of seventy-nine years. His name is still retained in the firm style, in recognition of the important part which he played in building up this enterprise, which is regarded today as one of the most important industrial undertakings of the county. Joel Turney developed the business from a small beginning and deserves much credit for what he accomplished as he arrived in Iowa with a cash capital of but fifty dollars. Later he borrowed some money of an uncle and established his wagon shop in the '40s, doing a large amount of repair work for emigrants who were en route for California between the years 1849 and 1852. He carefully saved his earnings and when his economical expenditure had brought him sufficient capital he began the manufacture of wagons in 1852 and for more than a half century continued in the business which gradually developed until it assumed large proportions. His widow, who is still a resident of Fairfield, was born in Indiana, October 6, 1831, and in 1838 was brought to Iowa where she has since made her home. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Turney were born five children of whom two daughters died in infancy, while Clayton died in 1886 at the age of twenty-seven years. Another son, Ellsworth, born in 1856, is one of the prominent residents of Fairfield.

Dillon Turney, who completes the family, spent his youthful days under the parental roof at Trenton and supplemented his common school education by a course in business college. He then entered his father's wagon factory and thoroughly mastered the business in principle and detail. In 1888 when twenty-three years of age he came with his parents to Fairfield and continued as his father's assistant in the wagon manufactory until 1905, when upon his father's death he assumed the management of the business which is now carried on under his direction. His long experience well qualified him for the onerous duties that devolved upon him. He is today at the head of an enterprise that uses a plant containing ninety-eight thousand square feet of floor space. There are brick buildings one and two stories in height and a two-story brick warehouse. At times employment is given to one hundred workmen and the capacity is about six thousand wagons annually. They manufacture the Charter Oak and Fairfield wagons and are also builders of bobsleds. The business has grown steadily along substantial lines and under the direction of Dillon Turney

the output has been steadily increased to meet the increasing demand of the trade. In addition to his efforts in this connection he is a director of the Iowa State Savings Bank and of the Farmers Savings Bank of Packwood.

In 1894 Mr. Turney was united in marriage to Miss Louise Bella Shipman, a native of Fairfield and a daughter of Captain John A. Shipman. They have two children, Kathryn Louise and Margaret Christine. Mr. Turney belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and to the Royal Arcanum. He is president of Company M, Armory Company. He is likewise secretary of the board of trustees of the Jefferson County Hospital and is in sympathy with various benevolent projects and with progressive movements that have for their object the welfare and up-building of the community. While the greater part of his attention has been concentrated upon his business interests he has never been remiss in the duties of citizenship.

WILLIAM E. SUPERNOIS.

William E. Supernois is now conducting a prosperous business as a tile manufacturer at Packwood, where he has improved a plant and developed an enterprise of large and creditable proportions, his success having its root in his industry, determination and honorable business methods. He was born in Vermont, in April, 1865, and is a son of William and Thola (Lovell) Supernois, the former a native of the Green Mountain state and the latter of New York. The father was a farmer by occupation and, removing to Indiana, there engaged in general agricultural pursuits for a number of years. He afterward removed to Illinois, where he engaged in farming for some time, and then went to Adair county, Iowa, where he rented land and thus carried on farming for several years. He afterward returned to Indiana, making his home in Hammond, that state, until his death, which occurred in September, 1911. His widow still survives him and now lives in Chicago with a daughter.

William E. Supernois was a young lad at the time of the removal of the family to the middle west and was largely reared and educated in Illinois, where he attended the district schools and completed his education as a student in the high school of Oneida, that state. At the age of twenty-one years he began farming on his own account, removing to Adair county, Iowa, where he rented land, which he continued to cultivate until 1895: He then returned to Illinois, where he engaged in the milling business, conducting a feed mill at Woodhull for a few years. On the expiration of

that period he came to Packwood and purchased an old tile factory, which he has remodeled and improved wonderfully. Since that time he has conducted the business along successful lines, manufacturing all sizes of drain tile and also making building blocks. He is a man of unfaltering energy and persistent purpose and if success can be won through the exercise of these qualities it will be his. Already he has a large patronage, his output finding a quick sale on the market.

In February, 1897, Mr. Supernois was married to Miss Josephine Schooley, a daughter of Daniel and Mary Schooley, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. Daniel Schooley removed to Adair county, Iowa, in 1887 and there they lived until 1907, when they removed to Nebraska, where the father passed away in February, 1910, while his wife is still living in Nebraska. To Mr. and Mrs. Supernois have been born four children, Lewis, Leon, Robert and Clarence. In his fraternal relations Mr. Supernois is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and in politics he is a republican. His wife holds membership in the Methodist church and both are highly esteemed in the community, having won a large circle of warm friends by their many sterling characteristics. Mr. Supernois well deserves classification with the representative business men of the county, for he started out in life empty-handed and has worked his way steadily upward, depending upon diligence and industry and straightforward dealing for the success which has come to him.

GEORGE WILLIAM HORTON.

George William Horton, a wide-awake and progressive farmer and stock-raiser of Round Prairie township, is a native of Jefferson county and has resided here all his life, meeting with much success in the pursuit of his calling. He was born in Lockridge township, January 19, 1873, a son of Samuel and Ellen O. (Chrenshaw) Horton, the former a native of Illinois and the latter of Lockridge township, Jefferson county. The father passed his youth in Illinois and when a young man came to Iowa, locating in Jefferson county in 1837. He had tilled the soil in Illinois and in this occupation he continued after his arrival in Iowa. He bought a farm of his father-in-law, who was a large landowner, having holdings in the vicinity of Four Corners. On this farm Mr. Horton lived for many years, improving the land until it was greatly enhanced in value. He then sold it and, being by this time advanced in age, lightened his burden by farming on a small scale. For this purpose he bought a small tract of land consisting of forty acres, now owned by Raymond Hopkirk,

and this he operated until his death, August 29, 1904. His wife survived him about two and a half years, passing away in January, 1907.

Brought up on the old home farm in Jefferson county, George W. Horton here received his schooling and was early trained in the arts of husbandry. At the age of twenty-two he purchased forty acres of land in Round Prairie township, which he improved and operated for some time, when he bought fifty-four acres adjoining his land, thus possessing a tract of ninety-four acres. He cultivated this land with much success for fourteen years and, on being offered a good price, sold it and purchased a farm more than twice the size of his former place, consisting of two hundred acres formerly owned by a Mr. Hickenbottom. Here he has dwelt ever since and by dint of persistent effort and close application has improved the place until it is now one of the fine farms of the county. He is a practical farmer and progressive in his methods, being well equipped for his work, both in the knowledge at his command and the improved appliances which he uses. He raises on an average fifty head of hogs and feeds thirty-five head of cattle annually. He is also the owner of fourteen horses.

In December, 1895, Mr. Horton was united in marriage to Miss Etta Maxwell, a daughter of Isaac and Sarah E. (Logsdon) Maxwell. Four children were born of this union, namely: Clarence L., aged fourteen years; Clifford F., aged eleven; Gladys C., aged seven; and Florence R., aged two. Mr. Horton and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church in which they are earnest and loyal workers. In his political convictions he has always given his stanch support to the cause of prohibition. Although he has not yet arrived at the zenith of his powers, Mr. Horton has through his enterprise and industry laid the foundation for a secure future to which he may look with a steadfast eye and an untroubled spirit.

EPHRAIM STOUT.

One of Jefferson county's oldest pioneer settlers is Ephraim Stout, who with his parents located in Round Prairie township more than seventy-five years ago, at which time there were but five white families in the township. He was born in Sangamon county, Illinois, on a farm six miles south of Springfield, his natal day being the 29th of August, 1830, and is a son of George and Phoebe (Riggs) Stout. His father, who was of German extraction, was born and reared in Pennsylvania, whence he removed in his early manhood to Illinois. There he engaged in farming until 1836, when together with his wife and family he came to Jefferson county, set-

ting on a farm in Round Prairie township, that he had purchased on a trip to the county two years previously. His holdings comprised one hundred and sixty acres, for which he paid one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, and were located just west of Glasgow. After making the necessary improvements upon his place and putting the land under cultivation, Mr. Stout started on horseback for Texas. Upon his return trip he was taken ill and died at St. Louis, where he was buried, in 1838. He had been married twice, his first union having occurred in Pennsylvania, while his marriage to Miss Riggs was celebrated in Illinios. She was also of German extraction and her mother died on shipboard en route from the fatherland to the United States, and was buried at sea. Mrs. Stout survived her husband for about twelve years, continuing to make her home on the farm, where she died on the 14th of August, 1850.

Ephraim Stout, who was only a lad of eight years when his father died remained at home with his mother until he was seventeen years of age, devoting his youthful energies to assisting in the cultivation of the farm. His boyhood and youth were hard, as were those of the majority of the pioneer lads, his schooling being confined to a term of three months held during the summer in the school located on what is now known as the Bowers farm, three miles from his home. In 1848, when he was in his nineteenth year, in common with every ambitious, enterprising youth he longed to see the world, the goldfields of California seeming to him to be most alluring, holding forth promise of adventure and excitement and of untold wealth to be found there. In company with his brother William, James Sears and John E. Mars he started for the new Eldorado, their outfit comprising four yoke of oxen, two wagons and two cows. They spent three and a half months en route, and upon their arrival spent one hundred and nine days in placer-mining, which did not prove very remunerative. At Sacramento, Mr. Stout and his brother received a letter advising them of the death of their mother, so very soon thereafter they started homeward. Upon his return he became associated with his brother John in conducting a meat market at Ottumwa, Iowa, but at the expiration of eight months he disposed of his interest and returned to California in 1852. He made the journey by water this time, taking the boat at Keokuk for New Orleans, where he sailed for San Francisco. He remained in the west seven years, meeting with good success, and returning to Jefferson county, he bought forty-seven and a half acres of land in Cedar township, upon which he has ever since resided. Later he extended the boundaries of his farm by the addition of another twenty acres, all of it being well improved and under high cultivation. Although diversified farming always engaged the attention of Mr. Stout, he has devoted much attention to the cultivation of a fine apple orchard, said to be one of the

best in the county. Through his grafting he has developed a new variety of apple, named by a prominent nurseryman "The Stout," that is to be commonly found in orchards throughout this part of the country.

At the old Miller homestead in Round Prairie township, on the 22d of September, 1859, Mr. Stout was married to Miss Angeline Miller, by the Rev. Mr. Heaton, father of Hiram Heaton, of the advisory board. Mrs. Stout is a daughter of Thomas and Eliza (Moore) Miller, natives of Erie county, Pennsylvania, the father's birth occurring on August 8, 1806, and that of the mother on the 16th of June, 1810. They were the parents of the following: John, who was born on March 13, 1834; Jane, born on the 18th of September, 1835; Benjamin, born on March 24, 1837; Elizabeth, born June 19, 1839; Angeline, who became Mrs. Stout, born March 31, 1841; Louisa, born January 8, 1843; Henry, who died in early youth, born on the 8th of September, 1845; Altha born on May 3, 1847; Thomas, born on September 20, 1848; Frances, who was born on the 25th of June, 1850; Alice, born on the 3d of May, 1852; and Ada, born on February 13, 1854. Mr. Miller came to Jefferson county with his family in 1837, locating at Glasgow, where he became associated with a Mr. Glasgow in conducting a general mercantile business, the first store in the town, all of their goods being hauled from Keokuk. In 1851, when Mrs. Stout was about ten years of age he removed to a farm that he owned, located a mile and a quarter west of Glasgow, where the mother passed away on January 14, 1879. The father continued to live there for some years thereafter, when he made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Stout, passing away on the 4th of January, 1892, at the venerable age of eighty-five years. To Mr. and Mrs. Stout have been born the following children. Ellen M. married Warren Fry, a farmer of Cedar township, and has three children: Chester D., Clara and Guy. Albert married Elizabeth Huffman and is living on a farm just south of his father. They have seven children: Ludwig; Arthur; Elsie; Helen; John; Clifford; and Lena, who died at the age of seven years. Their second son, who is a farmer near Mount Pleasant, married Birdie Parker and they have two children, Harold and a baby, not yet named. William C., who owns a farm just south of his father, married Cornelia Edwards of Van Buren county and they have one son, Ralph. Eliza married H. C. Pattison, a farmer of Cedar township, and they have three children: Earl, Paul and Edna. Effie became the wife of William McWhirter, a farmer of Cedar township, and they have five children: Florence, Nina, Hugh, Clifford, and a baby. Bertha married Adrian Frame, a farmer of North Dakota, by whom she has had four children: George, Ralph, Ruth and Opal.

Mr. and Mrs. Stout are members of the Christian denomination and belong to Ebenezer church in Cedar township, of which he has been a deacon for more than twenty years. In his political views Mr. Stout is a

democrat, and has always given his unqualified support to that party and its candidates. He has never prominently participated in township affairs, but he served for four years as director of school district No. 4 in Cedar township, and he was trustee of the township school fund for two years. He has always been a very energetic man and until about three years ago was actively engaged in farming, but he has given up the work of the fields now and devotes his entire attention to his chickens and stock. Despite his eighty-one years he can accomplish a good day's work, possessing the vitality of a man many years his junior, while his eyesight is so good that he has never found it necessary to wear glasses. Many and marvelous are the changes that have taken place in Jefferson county, since Mr. Stout located here, not least of these being the wonderful agricultural development in which he has been an influential and helpful factor.

WILLIAM E. BLACK.

William E. Black, who has been a lifelong resident of Jefferson county, is a descendant of one of its pioneer families, whose members have aided materially in developing the agricultural resources of the county and have also been intimately associated with the wars which have been important in the national history of the United States, his grandfather, Samuel Black, having been a soldier in the Revolutionary war and his uncle William Black having served in the Mexican war.

William E. Black's birth occurred on the 17th of May, 1856, in Polk township, upon the farm which is his present home, his parents being Jacob H. and Sally (McReynolds) Black, the former of Dutch and the latter of Dutch and Yankee descent. The father, who was a native of Ohio, went to Indiana with his parents when only twelve years of age and in 1849 came to Polk township, Jefferson county, and located upon the two-hundred-acre farm which his father had entered from the government. This farm was Jacob Black's home until his death on the 28th of August, 1911. He gave up active farming in 1901, turning his farm of two hundred and seventy-six acres over to his son William E. Black and his son-in-law Levi A. Harrison. Throughout his career he was closely connected with the social life and development of his community and took an active part in the capture and execution of Keppart, the infamous murderer who was hanged in the presence of five hundred witnesses many years ago, after he had murdered a woman and two children in Wapello county. The murderer had brought the bodies of his victims in a covered wagon and thrown them in Cedar creek, an act which so enraged the com-

munity that a posse of farmers from Polk and Des Moines townships set out in pursuit and after having captured him near Birmingham, placed him in jail at Fairfield, but public opinion was so strong against him that he was taken from the jail forcibly and brought to the spot where he had disposed of his victims and there paid the penalty for his crime.

William E. Black has spent his entire life in Polk township, first attending school in district No. 2 and then assisting his father in the cultivation of his farm until 1879, when he removed to a home of his own, which is on his father's farm. Throughout his active career William E. Black has devoted his time and energies to the cultivation of the home place, a task which he has accomplished with a good measure of success because of his labor, well planned methods and good judgment.

On December 5, 1878, Mr. Black was married to Miss Rachel A. Sutton, who is a daughter of Amariah and Narissa (McCreery) Sutton, both of whom were of Dutch and Yankee descent. Their eldest son, James A. Sutton, served in the Civil war. The father was a native of Ohio and came west in the early '50s, locating on a farm one mile north of Martinsburg, Keokuk county, Iowa. About 1874 he came to Jefferson county and settled on a farm in Polk township, where the family resided until the death of the father and mother, in 1903 and 1885 respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Black one child has been born, Bessie, who is the wife of Aurel Spry, a farmer of Keokuk county, and they have been the parents of two children: Grace, aged three years; and Merle, who died at the age of ten months.

Mr. Black gives his political support to the democratic party and has served as a director of the schools of his district for nine years. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Pekin, Iowa. As a citizen Mr. Black is active in promoting any measures which pertain to the educational and social development of his community and because of his consistent stand for the right has won the respect and regard due to a man whose life has been devoted to the best interests of his fellowmen.

SCOTT McCORMICK.

Scott McCormick, one of the representative and successful farmers and stockmen of Round Prairie township, is also numbered among the worthy native sons of Jefferson county, within the borders of which he has always remained. His birth occurred in Cedar township in May, 1861, his parents being George and Sarah (Howard) McCormick, both of whom

were natives of Indiana. When a lad of twelve years George McCormick came to this county with his parents, here continuing his education. As soon as his age and strength permitted he turned his attention to the work of the fields, operating the home place for some time. Subsequently he purchased a tract of eighty acres in Buchanan township from his father, placing many substantial improvements on the property and being actively engaged in its cultivation until 1886. In that year he took up his abode in Beckwith and there spent the remainder of his life in honorable retirement, passing away on the 9th of July, 1911, when seventy-three years of age. His demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had won an extensive circle of friends during the period of his residence here, covering more than six decades. His widow, who still makes her home in Beckwith, has attained the age of seventy-one years.

Scott McCormick attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. Subsequently he worked as a farm hand for one season and was then married, after which he devoted his attention to the operation of a rented farm for five years. On the expiration of that period he rented another place, being busily engaged in its cultivation for four and a half years. In 1891 he purchased a tract of one hundred acres in Round Prairie township and began its improvement. Later he extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it now embraces two hundred and fifty acres of rich and productive land. Recently, however, he has traded one hundred acres of the property for a quarter section of land in Buchanan township, where he expects to take up his abode in the coming March. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he raises annually eighty head of hogs and also keeps forty head of cattle and fifteen head of horses, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying income.

On the 21st of September, 1882, Mr. McCormick was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie A. Williams, a daughter of John and Dora (Diers) Williams, both of whom were natives of Germany. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in an early day, locating first in New Orleans. Subsequently they made their way to Burlington, Iowa, where John Williams worked as a carpenter and also at the cabinet-maker's trade for a number of years, making furniture and coffins. Coming to Jefferson county, he purchased eighty acres of land in Walnut township and undertook the task of clearing and improving the place. As his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he augmented his holdings by additional purchase until they embraced two hundred and thirty acres of valuable land. The operation of that farm claimed his attention until he was called to his final rest in June, 1905, at

the age of seventy-eight years. His wife passed away in September, 1899, when sixty-eight years of age. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McCormick have been born nine children, as follows: Dora, whose demise occurred on the 16th of March, 1884; Nellie, born June 8, 1885, who is now the wife of Arthur Schwarm and resides in Indianapolis; Guy, Glenn and Minnie, all of whom are at home; Bessie, who passed away on the 15th of January, 1895; and Mildred, Mary and Florence.

Mr. McCormick gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He has served as trustee of Round Prairie township and has also held the office of school director for nineteen years, while for several years he acted as president of the board. He is likewise a stockholder in the Fairfield Chautauqua Association. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church and he has been superintendent of a successful Sunday school for several years, at Parsonville, near his home, of which church he is a member. He is highly esteemed in the community in which he makes his home, and as an enterprising, energetic and prosperous agriculturist he well deserves mention in this volume.

JOSEPH W. FULTON, JR.

Joseph W. Fulton, Jr., belonging to a family of progressive farmers for many years closely connected with the agricultural development of Jefferson county, Iowa, is one of the successful young farmers in this vicinity and is doing his share towards perpetuating the reputation established by his father and grandfather before him. He was born on the farm where he now resides, on section 15, Des Moines township, on January 7, 1873. He was the son of Joseph W. and Sarah E. (Minear) Fulton. His father, descended from Scotch-Irish ancestry, was a native of Delaware county, Ohio; his mother was of German origin and was born near Chilli-cothe, Ohio. Joseph W. Fulton, Sr., came to Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1843, accompanying his parents who settled one mile west of Fairfield. In 1858, after his marriage, he removed to Des Moines township, where he operated a farm until 1888 then returning to the farm one mile west of Fairfield. There he spent the remaining years of his life, living in comfort and traveling whenever he felt so inclined. He was a man of energy and initiative and had had many interesting experiences in his lifetime. From 1850 to 1866 he carried the mail on horseback between Fairfield and Bloomfield, during which time he had a number of hairbreadth escapes especially at the time of the high water in 1851. In 1853 and 1854 he had charge of a party of government officials who were making a tour of Kan-

sas and Nebraska for the purpose of ascertaining detailed and accurate information regarding the Indian situation. He also had the distinction of being one of the original promoters of the Iowa State Fair at Fairfield. At the first state fair he exhibited a collection of Iowa and Jefferson county agricultural products which he personally owned, composed chiefly of grains and grasses. In 1875 he sold this exhibit to the state of Iowa for two hundred dollars and received a commission from the state to show this collection at the exposition of 1876 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The grandfather of Joseph W. Fulton, Jr., was also very progressive in advancing the agricultural interests of Iowa. His name, Alexander Fulton, was well known throughout the state to which he had come with the early pioneers. He had a celebrated truck garden and exhibited specimens of his fine vegetables at the Iowa State Fair in the years when that institution, which he helped to found, was still in its infancy. At one of the early fairs, held at Keokuk, he won a prize for milch cows the interesting fact being that he drove the herd himself from Fairfield to the exhibit.

Joseph W. Fulton had a common-school education at the district schools near his home and later had the advantage of part of a year at Parsons College at Fairfield, Iowa. After his marriage he lived on the home farm and rented land from his father. In the fall of 1899 he went to Fairfield and for three and a half years was in the employ of the Loudon Manufacturing Company. He then entered the hardware business in Fairfield but in 1907 returned to farming. Several years previously, in 1904, he had purchased the old home place of one hundred and sixty acres and in 1907 removed to this farm where he has been living since that time. He is engaged in general farming and in raising and selling stock, and has been very prosperous during the past four years in this work.

In the Fulton family there were seven brothers and sisters. The oldest child died in infancy. The others are: Charles J. of Fairfield, the editor of this history; Will A., living on section 15, Des Moines township, Jefferson county, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; T. L., of Fairfield; Albert M., a physician of Thomas City, Oklahoma; Joseph W., Jr.; and Lila, the wife of J. J. Morrissey of Ottumwa, Iowa.

Joseph W. Fulton was united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Mary Donahay, on September 27, 1893. Her parents were George W. and Sarah Donahay. The former is now deceased, while the latter is a resident of Kansas. To Mr. and Mrs. Fulton were born four children as follows: Ruth, Joseph Warren, Albert M., and Helen Cecelia, all of whom are living at home.

In politics Mr. Fulton is a progressive republican, voting according to his convictions rather for the man than the party. He is a member of the

school board of district No. 8, of Des Moines township. He worships in the Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal church, of Des Moines township, in which his wife and two oldest children are also members. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias of Libertyville, Iowa. In all his varied relations in his business affairs and his social life Mr. Fulton has maintained strict adherence to moral and ethical principles which he has made the guiding rule of his life and thereby has won the respect and warm regard of all who know him.

MAHLON HESTON.

Mahlon Heston, who devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, was operating a farm of sixty acres in Penn township when called to his final rest, in September, 1901. His birth occurred in Jefferson county, Iowa, in April, 1847, his parents being Mahlon and Ann (Hockett) Heston, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The father came to this county at an early day, entered a tract of land and improved and cultivated the same for several years. Subsequently he took up his abode near Oskaloosa, Iowa, there carrying on his farming interests until he passed away.

Mahlon Heston, Jr., was reared and educated in Oskaloosa and remained on the home farm with his parents until their demise. He then disposed of the property and removed to Nebraska, in which state he purchased and improved a homestead and carried on agricultural pursuits for twelve years. On the expiration of that period he sold his farm and came to Jefferson county, Iowa, purchasing sixty acres of land in Penn township, in the further cultivation and improvement of which he was busily engaged throughout the remainder of his life.

On the 18th of February, 1879, Mr. Heston was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hodson, a daughter of James F. and Rhoda (Talbert) Hodson, both of whom were natives of Ohio. James F. Hodson, who was but a small child when he came to Jefferson county with his parents, here obtained his education. As soon as old enough he learned the blacksmith's trade, following that occupation throughout his active business career. He also owned a small farm but employed others to do the active work of the fields. He passed away in March, 1893, having long survived his wife, whose demise occurred in September, 1855. Mr. and Mrs. Heston had no children of their own but reared two boys, Frank and Edmund, who are still with their adopted mother.

Mr. Heston stanchly advocated the cause of temperance and supported the prohibition party at the polls. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Friends church, to which his widow also belongs. Mrs. Heston is well known in this county and the circle of her friends is almost coextensive with the circle of her acquaintances.

B. E. CLARK.

Prominent among the citizens of Linby is B. E. Clark, who has been conducting a general store in that town for the last six years. He was born near Dodgeville, ten miles north of Burlington, in Des Moines county, Iowa, November 15, 1848, his parents being John Milton and Mary (Jones) Clark. The father was born and reared in Hamilton county, Ohio, and was of English and Dutch ancestry, his forefathers having come to Ohio from New York at an early day. The mother was born near Norfolk, Virginia, and was of English ancestry. Their marriage occurred in Indiana, after which they went to Des Moines county in 1846, where they resided two years, at the end of this time coming to Jefferson county and locating on a farm, two miles south of Linby. This was their home until 1880, when they removed to Kansas, where Mr. Clark passed away in 1884. Mrs. Clark is now eighty-four years of age and is still enjoying good health, residing at the home of her son B. E. Clark, who is one of six children: Mary, who is the wife of David Smith, a liveryman of Linby; Margaret, the wife of Ollie Smith, an agriculturist of Abingdon; Elizabeth, who was married to John Hudson, also of Abingdon; John Allen, a retired merchant of Mount Pleasant, who is now engaged in the real-estate business; and Matilda, who became the wife of Theodore Cuddy, a land agent of Hedrick, Iowa.

B. E. Clark spent his early years upon the home farm, attending school and assisting his father until he was eighteen years of age, when he entered the Iowa Central University at Pella, Marion county. He attended this institution for two and a half years and then took up teaching, a profession which he followed for a period of twenty-three years, the last three years of which were spent in Kansas. At the end of that time he purchased a farm in the Sunflower state and spent the next thirty-three years of his life in agricultural pursuits, returning to Jefferson county in 1905 and opening the general store at Linby which he still conducts. In his various activities Mr. Clark has always aided the advancement of his community, having worked according to aggressive and modern methods which

have been so prominent in the educational and industrial development of the county.

Mr. Clark has been twice married. His first union was with Miss Lydia Catharine Witham, of Mitchell county, Kansas, and to them five children were born, namely: James Walter, who is a graduate of the Osborne County high school and the Washburn College of Topeka, and at present is city attorney of that city; Leah, who is the wife of Samuel McCall, a retired farmer of Downs, Kansas, who is at present in the service of the United States postoffice; Chloris, the wife of William Barger, an agriculturist of Osborne county, Kansas; Oland, who is a student at the medical college of Topeka, Kansas, from which institution he will graduate in 1912; and Mary, who is residing in Topeka. Mr. Clark's second marriage occurred in 1904 to Miss Elizabeth Hale, of Osborne county, Kansas, and to them one child has been born, Magdalene, whose birth occurred February 14, 1908.

In politics Mr. Clark is an ardent socialist and devotes all of his leisure time to the study and the advocacy of socialistic principles, firmly believing that the best form of government would be one which would provide for a more equal distribution of labor and wealth. He is strongly opposed to any and all secret orders and has severed his connection with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Having known the advantages to be derived from an advanced education himself, it is his desire and purpose to give each of his children equal advantages in that line. Mrs. Clark holds membership in the Methodist church and both are well known in their community as being upright and honorable and ready at all times to support any movements from which benefits to the community might accrue.

FRED C. BRADSHAW.

Fred C. Bradshaw devotes his time and energies to the operation of an excellent farm of eighty-five acres, on section 4, Locust Grove township. His birth occurred in Wapello county, Iowa, on the 28th of January, 1870, his parents being William and Sarah Ann (Wright) Bradshaw, both of whom came of German ancestry. The father, a native of Tennessee, was a farmer by occupation and became one of the pioneer settlers of Jefferson county, Iowa. He assisted in hauling from Burlington the brick that was used in the construction of the first stores in Fairfield and also brought from Burlington, by wagon, the goods that went into these stores. His demise occurred on the 25th of July, 1892, on a farm a mile and a half

west of Batavia. His wife had preceded him to the home beyond by several years. The record of their children is as follows: Sarah, who is deceased; Sylvester, who has also passed away; Wesley, who wedded Miss Jane Inman of Wapello county, Iowa, and is a gardener and mail transfer man of Athens, this state; Ona, who gave her hand in marriage to Joseph Ornduff, an agriculturist of Locust Grove township; Eugene, who married Miss Alice Craig of Wapello county, Iowa, and is a packing house employe of Des Moines; Ferdinand, a liveryman of Batavia, who wedded Miss Rachel Brooks; Laura, the wife of John Perry, the proprietor of a restaurant at St. Joseph, Missouri; and Fred C., of this review.

The last named attended school at Batavia and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He assisted in the operation of the old homestead and during his last year at home worked on shares with his father. In 1891 he was married and during the following two years rented land from the administrator of his father's estate. Subsequently he purchased a farm in Wapello county, continuing to reside thereon for six years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of the property and bought a farm two miles southeast of Batavia, in Locust Grove township, whereon he also made his home for six years. In the spring of 1905 he purchased and took up his abode on a tract of eighty-five acres on section 4, Locust Grove township, where he has remained continuously since. He carries on general farming and also raises, buys and feeds cattle, which he ships to Chicago. In the conduct of his agricultural interests he has won a measure of prosperity that entitles him to representation among the substantial and enterprising citizens of the community.

On the 2d of September, 1891, Mr. Bradshaw was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Copple, a daughter of William M. and Evohlena (Marlowe) Copple, who were born in Illinois and Tennessee respectively. The father, who comes of German ancestry, is a blacksmith by trade. He removed to Kansas from Illinois and was married in the Sunflower state. Coming to Iowa, he located in Mahaska county and there opened a blacksmith shop. Subsequently he spent nine years in Ottumwa, Wapello county, and in 1889 came to Batavia, where he worked at his trade until seven years ago. Since the demise of his wife, which occurred in Batavia on the 27th of December, 1903, he has resided in the home of our subject. Mrs. Copple had been married twice, his first husband being Selvenes Harrington, by whom she had five children. Amanda, the only surviving child of this family, is the wife of J. M. Broherd, the foreman of a brick and tile company at Oskaloosa. At the time of the Civil war William M. Copple joined the cavalry at Eddyville, Iowa, and did guard duty there. Unto him and his wife were born five children, namely: Emma, the wife

of John Kennedy of Mahaska county, who follows farming near Eddyville; Grant, who married Miss Clara Weider of Ottumwa and is a blacksmith of that city, having learned the trade under the direction of his father; Viola, the wife of Ralph Gott, who is a coal miner of Centerville, Iowa; William, a blacksmith and plumber of Ottumwa, who wedded Miss Nora Pancoast, of Batavia; and Mrs. Bradshaw. The last named became the mother of six children, as follows: Evohlena, the wife of John McDowell, a farmer of Locust Grove township, by whom she has two children, Edna Grace and James Frederick; Clara, who is the wife of Lee Odum, of Abingdon, and the mother of one child, Leo Monroe; William Carl, who attends school at Abingdon, Iowa; a daughter who died in infancy; and Joseph Monroe and Ralph Linton, both in school at Abingdon.

Mr. Bradshaw is a democrat in politics but not bitterly partisan, considering the capability of a candidate rather than his party affiliation. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to the lodge at Abingdon. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Christian church at that place. They are widely and favorably known as people of genuine personal worth and many sterling traits of character and have gained an extensive circle of warm friends throughout the community.

JACOB J. KRITZLER.

Among the many foreign countries which have contributed to our citizenship and have had an invaluable influence in molding the character of our national life, none is more conspicuously represented than Germany. Among the brave men and earnest-minded workers that are numbered among those who came from the fatherland Jacob J. Kritzler holds a worthy place. He was born in Frankfort-on-the-Main in the year 1831, his parents being Jacob J. and Harriet Kritzler, the former being a native of Germany and the latter of Switzerland. His father never left his native land where he served as a commissioner until his death, April 3, 1865.

Left motherless at the age of five years Jacob J. Kritzler was reared and educated in his native locality and remained at home until he was nineteen years old, when he set out for the new world, landing in New York in October, 1850. He made his way west as far as Ohio, locating in Cincinnati where he remained for a short time. He then returned to the east and lived for a time in New York city and in Brooklyn. In 1852 he went back to the old country to revisit the scenes of his childhood,

remaining four years, when he once more departed for America. He became a resident of Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1865, settling in Glasgow, Round Prairie township, where he conducted a tavern for nine years. He then paid a second visit to his native land but remained only a short time and on his return to Round Prairie township engaged in agriculture, acquiring a tract of land of one hundred and seventy acres. This he cleared and improved and cultivated with much success for many years. He is now retired, still making his home in Glasgow, however.

For a helpmate Mr. Kritzler chose Miss Charlotte Unkrich, to whom he was married in 1863. Mrs. Kritzler was born in Germany and is a daughter of John H. and Fredericka L. (Gerson) Unkrich, both natives of Germany, who immigrated to our shores in 1859. The father, who was of much consequence in his native community, was an agriculturist and had also served in the legislature. On his arrival in America he settled in Round Prairie township, Jefferson county, continuing the cultivation of the soil on a farm of three hundred acres which he operated until his death, the following year. The mother passed away in 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Kritzler were the parents of one child, Gustave, who died November 14, 1880, at the age of sixteen years. Fraternally Mr. Kritzler is connected with the Odd Fellows lodge, of Glasgow. In his political views he is a republican and served as township clerk for twenty years and for a long period as secretary of the school board. He and his wife worship in the German Reformed church. Although in his eightieth year Mr. Kritzler is in the possession of excellent health and a merry heart, enjoying that peace of mind which comes after a long life spent in honest toil.

WILLIAM F. CUMMINGS.

William F. Cummings, an enterprising and successful farmer and stockman of Buchanan township, is the owner of a tract of eighty acres of rich and productive land. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Jefferson county, his birth having occurred in Buchanan township, on the 6th of February, 1867. His parents, Samuel A. and Maria (Case) Cummings, were natives of Virginia and Ohio respectively. It was in 1843 that Samuel A. Cummings came to Jefferson county, Iowa, with his parents, with whom he continued to reside until they were called to their final rest. He has been identified with general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, purchasing the home farm after the death of his parents and having since been actively engaged in its further cultivation and improvement. He has now attained the ripe old age of eighty-one

years and is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community, in which he has resided for almost seven decades. His wife passed away on the 1st of July, 1879.

William F. Cummings was reared to manhood in his native county, attending the district schools in the acquirement of an education. On attaining his majority he left the parental roof and began the operation of a rented farm, being thus engaged for four years. On the expiration of that period he purchased a tract of eighty acres in Buchanan township and began its improvement. The operation of that place has claimed his time and energies continuously since, and the well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them. In addition to the production of cereals he devotes considerable attention to stock, raising forty head of hogs each year and keeping twenty head of cattle and eight head of horses.

On the 27th of November, 1895, Mr. Cummings was united in marriage to Miss Alva E. Barnes, a daughter of John C. and Sarah (Marshall) Barnes, both of whom are natives of Pennsylvania. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, came to Jefferson county at an early day, purchased and improved a farm and continued its operation until 1895. In that year he disposed of the property and removed to Fairfield, where both he and his wife still reside. To Mr. and Mrs. William F. Cummings has been born a son, Charles L., who is now thirteen years of age.

Mr. Cummings is a republican in his political views and is now serving in the capacity of township trustee. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to the lodge at Fairfield, Iowa. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belongs. He has remained a resident of Jefferson county from his birth to the present time and enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

CLARENCE JUDSON LEECH.

For more than thirteen years Clarence Judson Leech has been engaged in general farming and stock-raising on a one hundred and twenty acre tract, on section 12, Black Hawk township. Iowa has always been the home of Mr. Leech, whose birth occurred in Richland, Keokuk county, on February 27, 1868, his parents being John and Maria (Wooley) Leech. The father, who was of Scotch extraction, was born in Ohio, where he learned and in his early manhood followed the blacksmith's trade, but later took up farming. With his wife and family he removed to Jefferson

county in 1870, buying a farm in Black Hawk township, a mile east of District No. 1 school. After residing there for twenty-seven years he went to Clark, Iowa, where he lived for two years. At the expiration of that time he returned to Black Hawk township, settling on the farm adjoining the one now owned by his son Clarence on the west. He lived there for four years then went to Osceola, Iowa, thence to Wyoming, locating at Sheridan, where he passed away on the 13th of July, 1910. The mother died in 1887, while the family were living in Black Hawk township.

Clarence Judson Leech in the acquirement of an education mastered the studies usually taught in the district schools. Before completing the course he became associated with his father in the operation of the home farm on a percentage basis, thus acquiring not only a thorough understanding of agricultural but of business methods, well qualifying him for the practical duties of life. As he was ambitious, it was his desire to own property and with this end in view he saved his earnings and in 1898 bought eighty acres of land that formed the nucleus of his present homestead. He subsequently extended the boundaries of his farm by the addition of another forty that he bought from his father. During the period of his ownership he has greatly added to the value of his property by the addition of many conveniences and facilities that bespeak a spirit of progress and enterprise. Here he engages in general farming and in connection with the cultivation of his fields, makes a specialty of raising stock, that he feeds for the market. Both lines have proven very remunerative under his capable direction as is manifested by the general appearance of his place. He is one of the active and highly energetic men of the community and has brought his fields into a high state of cultivation, that annually yield him goodly dividends on the labor expended.

Pleasant Plain was the scene of the marriage of Mr. Leech, on the 21st of December, 1892, to Miss Mary L. Orr, a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Harkens) Orr. The father was a butcher by trade and was for many years engaged in business in Pleasant Plain, where he passed away in 1897. The mother is still living and continues to make her home in Pleasant Plain. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Leech there has been born one daughter, Nellie M., who is seventeen years of age and a student in the Richland high school.

The family are Methodist in faith and hold membership in the McDowell chapel at Penn township. Fraternally Mr. Leech is an Odd Fellow, belonging to the lodge at Richland, while his wife is a member of the Rebekahs, also of Richland. Although a republican in his political views, Mr. Leech, on all—save national issues—votes for the man he deems most likely to give the people efficient service. He has never taken an active interest in township affairs, as he does not aspire to official honors, pre-

ferring to give his undivided attention to his agricultural pursuits. Success is crowning his efforts and throughout the community, where he has spent practically his entire life, he is held in high esteem by reason of the upright and honorable principles that have actuated him in all of his relations of life.

O. F. FRYER.

O. F. Fryer, cashier of the Iowa State Savings Bank, has always been a resident of Jefferson county and has therefore witnessed much of the growth and development of this section of the state. In later years he has borne his part in the work of public progress and has not only made for himself a creditable position in the financial world but is also popular and prominent in social and business circles. He was born in Black Hawk township, Jefferson county, August 17, 1870, and represents one of the oldest families of this part of the state. His parents were Elias and Sarah J. (Edwards) Fryer, the former born in Kentucky, December 25, 1819, and the latter in Tennessee, March 15, 1830. They were married in the latter state, March 19, 1846, and in 1852 came to Iowa, settling first in Van Buren county, but in 1857 took up their abode in Jefferson county, where they lived until called to their final rest. The father's death occurred March 28, 1874, when he was fifty-four years of age, the mother passing away on the 19th of March, 1892, when sixty-two years of age. Elias Fryer had made farming his life work and won success in his chosen occupation. Moreover, he was a public-spirited citizen, giving his cooperation to many movements for the general good. The Methodist Episcopal church found in him a helpful member and the democratic party a loyal supporter. To him and his wife were born eleven children, of whom one died in infancy, while two daughters passed away in early life. The others reached years of maturity and those now living are: J. S., of Clyde, Kansas; J. W., of St. Charles, Iowa; W. E., of Long Beach, California; Isa, the wife of W. H. Chandler, of Goodland, Kansas; and O. F., who is the youngest of the entire family.

The Fryer farm was situated northwest of Fairfield and thereon O. F. Fryer remained until he reached the age of twenty-two years, aiding in the task of developing the fields when not occupied with his school books. He supplemented his early education by study in a business college and afterward engaged in clerking for one winter in Shannon City, Iowa. He entered the field of merchandising on his own account at Packwood, this county, but after eight months the town was practically destroyed by fire.

Mr. Fryer was afterward associated with his two brothers, J. S. and W. E., in a mercantile enterprise at Hedrick, Iowa, under the style of Fryer Brothers, for two years. It was during that period that he was married, on the 12th of September, 1894, to Miss Lulu E. Roth, a native of Black Hawk township, this county, born April 15, 1875, and a daughter of Peter H. Roth, of Fairfield. A year after his marriage Mr. Fryer returned to Packwood and again entered the mercantile business at that place, where he remained until the fall of 1900. He then turned his attention to the banking business and became cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank of Packwood, with which he was connected until the fall of 1905. He came to Fairfield as assistant cashier of the Iowa State Savings Bank, and after two years was promoted to the position of cashier, which he now fills, also serving as one of the directors of the bank. His previous business training and experience qualified him for the responsibilities of banking and as one of the officers of the institution he advocates and holds to a safe, conservative policy, which, however, is not antagonistic to progress. In addition to his stock in the bank he owns a farm of one hundred and eighty-two acres, adjoining the city of Fairfield on the east, and other farming interests which return him a substantial annual income.

Mr. and Mrs. Fryer have an only child, Laird Maurice. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Fryer belongs to the Knights of Pythias. He is treasurer, secretary and one of the trustees of the new Armory C, likewise a director of the Fairfield Chautauqua Association and is recognized as a man of progressive spirit and alive to the best interests of the community, his cooperation being given to various movements which tend to promote the material, intellectual, social and moral progress of the city. He is loyal in his friendships, true in his purposes and his enthusiasm is contagious.

WILL A. FULTON.

The name Fulton is held in high regard among the farmers of Jefferson county since three generations have contributed to the agricultural growth and development in this section of the state. Will A. Fulton representing the third generation was born February 20, 1862, on the farm on section 15, Des Moines township, Jefferson county, Iowa, where his brother Joseph W. Fulton, Jr., now resides. He was a son of Joseph W. and Sarah E. (Minear) Fulton. His father was a native of Delaware county, Ohio, and was descended from Scotch-Irish ancestry; his mother was born near Chillicothe, Ohio, being of German descent. Joseph W.

Fulton, Sr., was a farmer and accompanied his parents to Jefferson county, Iowa, where they settled one mile west of Fairfield, in 1843. He removed to Des Moines township after his marriage, in 1858, establishing his home on a farm, which he operated until 1888 when he removed to a farm one mile west of Fairfield. There he lived during the remainder of his life, traveling extensively until his death August 7, 1904, which occurred at the home of his son, Charles J. Fulton. His wife died on the farm west of Fairfield, January 1, 1900.

After completing a course in the fundamental branches taught in the district schools of Des Moines township, Will A. Fulton attended high school at Fairfield, Iowa, and at the close of his school career remained with his parents, assisting in the work about the farm. In 1887, when twenty-five years of age, he wedded Miss Laura L. Littlefield and established his home on a farm of eighty acres that came from the estate of his grandfather and was located on section 15, Des Moines township, Jefferson county. This land he set about improving, adding to it in 1890 by the purchase of twenty additional acres and in 1907 by another purchase of eighty acres. On this farm he has lived ever since with the exception of three years during which he was engaged in the implement business in Libertyville, Iowa.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Fulton occurred May 22, 1887. Mrs. Fulton was a daughter of W. C. and Emeline (Parkhurst) Littlefield. Her father was a native of Maine, being of Yankee parentage; her mother, born in Indiana, was of German descent. Mr. Littlefield, who was a farmer, came to Iowa before the Civil War and bought a farm near Eldon, where he followed his calling until his wife's death in 1886 when he withdrew from his farm and made his home with his children. In 1901 he met with a tragic death. Returning home after attending the Decoration Day exercises held at Batavia, Iowa, in the afternoon, he was struck by a Peavine train and injured so seriously that he succumbed in the doctor's office a short time after. Mr. Littlefield was the father of the following children: W. A. Littlefield, a farmer of Wapello county, is living near Eldon, Iowa. Mary Frances is married to Charles Nowell, a stationary engineer in Chicago. Mrs. Fulton is the wife of the subject of this biography. Alice Belle, who was the wife of Isaac Fisher living near Eldon, is deceased. John S. Littlefield is a farmer in Kansas.

By her marriage Mrs. Fulton became the mother of three children. Frank is an assistant cashier in the Libertyville Savings Bank; Edgar died when seven years of age; Dwight is at home on the farm. In his political views Mr. Fulton is a republican giving loyal support to the men and measures of the party. He has served as member of the school board of district No. 8, Des Moines township for several years. He is a member

of the Emmett Lodge I. O. O. F., of Libertyville, Iowa, to which organization his son Frank also belongs. Mr. and Mrs. Fulton are both actively interested in the Phoenix Lodge of Rebekahs, of Libertyville, and through their fraternal connections as well as their encouragement of sociability and neighborliness in their community have won for themselves a large circle of friends.

JOHN F. READY.

John F. Ready is filling the position of county attorney of Jefferson county and is recognized as a prominent figure in democratic circles in this part of the state. In the practice of law he has made steady advancement and the ability which he has displayed in the office that he now fills has won for him the commendation of representatives of the legal fraternity and of the general public. Fairfield numbers him among her native sons, his birth having here occurred on the 14th of November, 1872. His parents, Patrick and Mary (Collins) Ready, were both natives of Milltown, County Clare, Ireland. The mother came to the United States in 1861 when about twenty years of age, Mr. Ready having made the trip several years before. He was in the regiment that was en route for the front and which Mrs. Ready saw as it marched near the dock where she landed. He had enlisted as a member of the Fifty-first New York Infantry and served until honorably discharged on account of disability, his elbow having been shot off. Following the close of his military service he met and married Miss Mary Collins, the wedding being celebrated in Syracuse, New York. On their removal westward they first located in Chicago but after about a year came to Fairfield, arriving in 1866 or 1867. The father was killed, August 28, 1888, in a railroad wreck, and the mother still survives in Fairfield. In their family were three children: Morris, who was burned to death when two years of age; John F.; and W. J., at home with his mother.

Throughout his entire life John F. Ready has resided in Fairfield and after attending the public schools entered the Christian Brothers College in St. Joseph, Missouri, from which he was graduated in June, 1892. He pursued the study of law in Drake University at Des Moines, completing a course in the law department in 1896, and in May of the same year took the examination before the supreme court whereby he was admitted to practice. In the meantime he had been employed in all of the printing offices of Fairfield, starting in the business world in the Journal office. He had devoted about eight years to the printing business and the money which he saved from his labors enabled him to complete his literary preparation and

obtain his legal training. Since his admission to the bar he has continuously practiced in Fairfield with a constantly growing clientage that has connected him with much of the important work done in the courts. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party and for four years he served as city attorney, covering the period from 1907 to 1910 inclusive. In the fall of the latter year he was elected county attorney, which position he is now filling in a capable manner, neither fear nor favor swerving him in the faithful discharge of his duty. He has long been recognized as a leader in the local ranks of the democratic party, serving as chairman of the democratic county central committee in 1896-7 and also as a member of the judicial and congressional committees.

On the 21st of July, 1909, Mr. Ready was married to Miss Elizabeth Hayden, a native of Creston, Iowa, and a daughter of Michael and Margaret Hayden. They have one child, Mary Margaret, a little daughter who is the life and light of the household. Mr. Ready is well known in local military ranks as a member of Company M, Fifty-fourth Infantry of the Iowa National Guard, with which he has been identified since its reorganization following the Spanish-American war. On the 17th of March, 1908, he was elected captain and is still commanding the company. Fraternally he is connected with the Yeomen and with the Eagles. Those who know him, and his friends are many, find him a social, genial gentleman, who is loyal to duty in every relation of life and who in his profession is winning merit and advancement by reason of his thorough understanding of legal principles and his correct application thereof to the points at issue.

HIEL D. MILLER.

One of Jefferson county's highly successful and well known agriculturists is Hiel D. Miller, whose enterprise, clear judgment and business sagacity has numbered him among the affluent citizens of Des Moines township. His birthplace was Morgan county, Ohio, and his natal day the 8th of December, 1839. He is a son of William and Harriet (Cheadle) Miller, natives of Ohio, the father of German and the mother of American descent, the maternal grandparents having come from Massachusetts. Mr. Miller engaged in farming during the entire period of his active life, beginning his agricultural career in his native state. In 1847 with his wife and family he started westward, crossing the prairies to Iowa, feeling convinced that this state afforded rich possibilities for the industrious practical farmer. He settled in Jefferson county, which at that period yet con-

tained large tracts of government land, the price of which, as well as its fine timber and fertile prairies, were rapidly attracting the settlers. He purchased three hundred and twenty acres of unimproved, wild land in Des Moines township, where he removed his family after erecting the necessary buildings for their comfort. Here he began the hard and wearisome life of the pioneer, as had his grandfather who emigrated from England and located in Ohio more than half a century previously. By means of diligence and unremitting energy he slowly converted the prairie and forest into a productive farm and comfortable home. There he continued to live until his death in 1886, at the age of seventy-seven years. The mother then left the farm and went to Libertyville to reside, and there her death occurred on June 22, 1888. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller: Newell, who died when he was six years of age; and Winchester and Dean, both of whom are deceased; Hiel D., our subject; and Mary Ann, the widow of James Spillman, of Kansas.

The first seven years of his life Hiel D. Miller spent in his native state, in whose district schools he began the education that was completed in Des Moines township. The life of a pioneer lad in the rural districts was very different from that of the farmer boy of the present day. The modern agricultural implements that have done away with much of the drudgery incident to country life were then unknown, much time being consumed in performing tasks by hand that now require but a brief period and the expenditure of comparatively little labor. From his earliest childhood there were chores about the home that devolved upon the young shoulders of Hiel D. Miller, these being increased as his strength and sense of responsibility developed with the passing years. He began his independent career upon attaining his majority, at which time he left the parental roof. After his marriage he traded for a portion of the old homestead, and for fifteen years thereafter devoted his energies to its cultivation, meeting with very satisfactory results, financially. In 1888 he acquired his present place located on section 35, Des Moines township, and there he has ever since resided, but no longer engages in the active work of the fields. Mr. Miller is one of the men who are not content to remain at a standstill, but must keep advancing, and during the entire period of his business career he made steady and permanent progress. Quick to recognize opportunities, not afraid to act in accordance with his own judgment, despite the fears of the more conservative, he always worked toward a definite end, of which he never lost sight, despite the backsets he sometimes encountered. As a result he acquired seven hundred and eighty acres of excellent land, all in a high state of cultivation, that he has now divided among his children. He had acquired a competence that warranted his retirement eight years ago, so

he laid aside the duties and responsibilities he had been carrying for so many years, and is now enjoying the ease of a well spent, fruitful life.

On the 25th of June, 1874, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Moyer, a daughter of William and Mary (Corbett) Moyer, natives of Pennsylvania but of German extraction. They came to Iowa before the Civil war, locating in Fairfield, where the father worked at the cabinet-maker's trade until he went to the front in the service of his country. There he died during the siege of Vicksburg, while the mother passed away in Fairfield, where Mrs. Miller was born. Six children were born of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Miller. Mabel, the eldest member of the family, who was born on the 31st of May, 1875, married Harry Overturff and has one child, Hiel D., named for his grandfather. Mr. and Mrs. Overturff are still living on the old homestead with Mr. Miller. Arthur, who was born on the 23d of August, 1876, is living on a claim in Idaho. He married Miss Jennie Pitzinger, a daughter of George Pitzinger, of Des Moines township, and they have four children: Helen, Mary, Alice and George. Ethel, the third in order of birth, was born on the 25th of January, 1879, and died May 12, 1900. Clyde, who was born October 2, 1880, is engaged in farming on the place adjoining his father. Beulah, was born on the 5th of December, 1881, and died on March 23, 1885. Fred, the youngest member of the family, his birth occurring on the 25th of November, 1887, is still at home with his father. The wife and mother passed away on the 24th of December, 1888, and was laid to rest in Fell's cemetery, Des Moines township.

In matters politic Mr. Miller is a Jeffersonian democrat, and served for one term as assessor in his township and as school director for three. He has always taken a deep interest in all public affairs and the national welfare, however, as have all of the men of his family, his uncle, Dean Cheagle, having gone to the front as the captain of a regiment raised in Marion county during the war, and there remained until the close of hostilities. The name of Miller has always been an honored one in Des Moines township in the development and progress of which the members of the family have been factors for over sixty years.

MARVIN B. HUMPHREYS.

Marvin B. Humphreys, owning and operating a farm of two hundred and thirty-five acres of highly productive land on section 9, Cedar township, was born on this place, on the 16th of January, 1862. His parents were F. T. and Louisa (Gorsuch) Humphreys. The father, whose birth occurred

in Madison, Indiana, on the Ohio river, came of Scotch and Welsh ancestry. In 1840, seven years before the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad reached Fairfield, he came west to Iowa on an ox team. On reaching the Mississippi river he was absolutely penniless and spent a half day in convincing the ferryman that he would pay him for his services as soon as possible after landing on the other side. Being a man of his word, he later walked seventy miles, in order to pay that twenty-five cents. In Warren county, Illinois, Mr. Humphreys raised corn and at one time delivered eighty-two and a half bushels to a man, to pay for a pair of common plow shoes, the shoemaker recovering commission at the rate of three and a half cents per bushel delivered. As above stated, in 1840 he took up his abode among the pioneer settlers of Jefferson county, Iowa, locating on the old James Galliher place in Cedar township. He had no opportunity to attend school until after reaching man's estate and the circumstances were such that he pursued only a three months' course of study under the preceptorship of Wesley Anderson. The little "temple of learning" was a log structure, with greased paper for window lights, and the pupils used the old-fashioned quill pens. F. T. Humphreys secured several claims, including one or two in Polk township, near Abingdon, which he subsequently sold, investing his money in land in Cedar township. In 1847 he was married in the old frame house now standing on the Joseph Heisel farm, whereon he took up his abode in 1852, purchasing the place of eighty acres from George Schilley. That farm remained his home until he was called to his final rest, on the 18th of January, 1889, his demise occurring in the house where our subject now resides. For a number of years he had survived his wife, who passed away on the 21st of December, 1871. Throughout this county Mr. Humphreys was known as a practical joker and one who had a high appreciation of humor. He delighted in reminiscences of the early days and could tell a story in a most interesting and entertaining manner. As a pioneer whose labors constituted an element in the upbuilding and development of this county, he well deserves extended mention in this volume.

Marvin B. Humphreys remained under the parental roof until twenty-four years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. Taking up his abode on a farm which he owned northeast of Fairfield, he there carried on general agricultural pursuits for two years, at the end of which time his father died and he returned to the old homestead, whereon he has remained continuously since. He purchased the shares of the other heirs and now owns and operates a farm of two hundred and thirty-five acres of valuable and well improved land. He feeds his grain and raises and sells stock to shippers and in this connection has won a most gratifying measure of prosperity.

On the 27th of October, 1886, Mr. Humphreys was united in marriage to Miss Minnie M. Gleason, a daughter of Martin Van Buren and Sarah Elizabeth (Dawes) Gleason. The father was born and reared in New York and came of English-Irish descent, while the mother's birth occurred in Maine in the year 1837. Their marriage was celebrated in Wisconsin in 1855. In 1859 they came to Iowa, first locating in Washington county and later in Jefferson county, where they resided for ten years. Mr. Gleason worked at the harness-maker's trade throughout his entire business career, passing away in the state of Washington, on Christmas day of 1906. The demise of his wife occurred in Pleasant Plain, Iowa, on the 9th of December, 1899. Both died of paralysis. Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys are the parents of six children, namely: Lorene, at home, who is an operator of the Washington Telephone Company at Washington, Iowa; Don A., who follows farming north of Fairfield; Bernice, who is the wife of J. H. DuBois, who is engaged in farming north of Fairfield; Bertene, twin sister of Bernice, who is the wife of Earl Dana, a farmer living four miles north of Fairfield; Mabel, a pupil in the district school; and Elizabeth, at home.

Mr. Humphreys is a "stand pat" republican and held the office of road supervisor prior to his marriage. For six years he has served as a school director. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church at Fairfield, to which his wife also belongs. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Lodge No. 4, at Fairfield. His life has been actuated by a laudable ambition to attain success and as the years have passed, he has achieved a measure of prosperity which has come to him as the reward of persistent, earnest and indefatigable labor, so that he has gained place with the representative agriculturists of his community.

JAMES L. KNIGHT.

A well improved and highly cultivated farm of five hundred and eighty-five acres located on section 27, Black Hawk township, is a fitting monument to the industry and enterprise of James L. Knight, who is one of the successful farmers of Jefferson county. His life record began on the old Knight homestead, on section 26, Black Hawk township, on the 22d of May, 1852. His father, George Knight, was born in Manchester, England, in 1821, and there he continued to live until he was fourteen years of age. He then emigrated to the United States, first locating in Philadelphia, where he met and subsequently married Miss Martha B. Leigh, also a native of England, her birth occurring in Lancastershire in 1823. They con-

tinued to live in Philadelphia until 1850, when they came to Iowa, first settling in Burlington. The following year they came to Jefferson county, locating on a tract of land that Mr. Knight preempted in Black Hawk township. This continued to be the family home until the father's death in 1885, the mother later went to live with her son James L., and there she passed away on the 13th of January, 1910. Mrs. Knight was descended from the English nobility, and at the age of fifteen years was a standard bearer at the coronation of Queen Victoria. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Knight numbered five children as follows: John, who owns and operates the old Knight homestead in Black Hawk township; Carrie, the wife of Joseph Summers, a farmer of Black Hawk township; James L., our subject; Emma, the wife of Frank Cook, a gasoline-engine manufacturer of Madison, Wisconsin; and Mary Ann, who is an invalid and makes her home with her brother James.

Reared on the farm where he was born James L. Knight mastered the common branches of English learning by the tutorage of his invalid father in the old log cabin, attending district school but six weeks altogether. His early years were very similar to those of other lads of the period and circumstances, and contained more work than play. He early was compelled to assume many of the responsibilities of manhood, and at the age of eight years was put to plowing the fields. After the death of his father, he and his brother John took charge of the home place, that contains ninety-six acres. Later Mr. Knight purchased the place where he is now living and there, he and his mother and sister, thereafter made their home. A man of rare capabilities, Mr. Knight has made a success of his undertakings and has extended his holdings from time to time, until he now owns five hundred and eighty-five acres, all valuable farm and pasture land. His prosperity is entirely due to his inherent ability, clear judgment and determination of purpose. He is progressive in his methods and his fields are cultivated in accordance with modern ideas, his farm being thoroughly equipped with all implements and appliances that will tend to reduce the labor and improve the standard. He rents a portion of his land and hires sufficient help to thoroughly cultivate the remainder of his fields, giving his personal supervision to everything on his farm. In addition to general farming, Mr. Knight is largely engaged in the raising and feeding of stock, both having proven very remunerative under his competent direction.

Mr. Knight is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Black Hawk township, and in politics he is a republican, but not strictly partisan, his vote of recent years often times being cast for the man he deems best qualified for the office, irrespective of his political principles. For fourteen years he served as clerk of Black Hawk township, and for two

as trustee, while he was assessor for ten. He was president of the township school board for several terms and a director of district No. 8 for a number of years, serving with efficiency in both capacities. Mr. Knight is one of the self-made men of Black Hawk township, whose prosperity is recognized by his many friends as the well deserved reward of self-denial, energy and thrift.

ORIAN C. PFEIFFER.

Orian C. Pfeiffer, who owns and operates a well improved farm of seventy-two and a half acres on section 11, Locust Grove township, is a worthy representative of a family that has been prominently identified with general agricultural pursuits in Jefferson county for about seven decades. His birth occurred in Walnut township, this county, on the 21st of February, 1877, his parents being John and Mary (Sinn) Pfeiffer, who have spent their entire lives in Jefferson county. The father was born in the same residence in which the birth of our subject occurred and on the same farm where he still resides, the property being located one mile west of Merrimac, Iowa. He has been successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career and is well known and highly esteemed in the community. His wife was born on a farm three miles south of Brighton. Jacob Pfeiffer, the paternal grandfather of O. C. Pfeiffer, was a native of Germany and emigrated to the United States in the '40s, coming direct to Jefferson county, Iowa, and locating on the same farm on which Mr. and Mrs. John Pfeiffer now reside.

Orian C. Pfeiffer obtained his education in the district schools of Walnut township and afterward assisted his father in the operation of the home farm until he had attained his majority, also working as a farm hand for others. In 1901 he rented a tract of land from J. A. Beck in Center township, this county, being actively engaged in its cultivation for three years. Subsequently he rented the farm of his father-in-law near Fairfield, operating the same for one year. In 1906 he bought a tract of seventy-two and a half acres on section 11, Locust Grove township, the further cultivation and improvement of which has claimed his attention continuously since. He carries on general farming and feeds all his grain to stock, which he sells to shippers.

On the 1st of January, 1901, Mr. Pfeiffer was united in marriage to Etta Louth, who was born near Lockridge, Jefferson county, and who attended school at Polk Corners and Brighton. Her parents, Simon P. and Elizabeth (Jordan) Louth, are both of German descent and natives

of Jefferson county, the former born near Four Corners and the latter near Germanville. Simon P. Louth, a farmer by occupation, resided in this county for thirty years and then removed to Washington county, where he made his home for sixteen years. On the expiration of that period he returned to his farm six miles west of Fairfield. In the spring of 1911 he took up his abode in the city of Fairfield, where both he and his wife now reside.

In politics Mr. Pfeiffer is a staunch republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Brookville, to which his wife also belongs. They have an extensive circle of friends in the community where they have spent their entire lives, the hospitality of the best homes being cordially extended them. Mr. Pfeiffer enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the progressive and substantial young agriculturists of Locust Grove township and is undoubtedly destined for a prosperous career.

JAMES H. MONTGOMERY.

James H. Montgomery, who since 1888 has been superintendent of the wagon factory of Joel Turney & Company, was born in Trenton, Iowa, September 10, 1860, his parents being Amos B. and Rachel (Williams) Montgomery. The father, born in Shelby county, Indiana, became one of the pioneer settlers of Henry county, Iowa, aiding in the early development and improvement of that section of the state. In the meantime he crossed the plains during the gold rush and afterward returned to Indiana. It was subsequent to his arrival in Henry county that he married Miss Rachel Williams, a native of Tuscarawas county, Ohio. She had come to Iowa with her parents in May, 1835, and the first white child she saw in this part of the state was Sarah Parent, now Mrs. Sarah Turney of Fairfield. The remainder of her days were passed in Henry county and in her girlhood she experienced all of the hardships and trials of life on the frontier. Following her marriage she went to her husband's home and carefully managed the household affairs while Mr. Montgomery carried on the work of the fields, becoming in time one of the extensive and successful farmers of Henry county. Unto this worthy couple were born seven children: Mary, the wife of J. N. Dutton, of Burlington; Donna M., who is the wife of I. R. Johnson, and resides at Mount Pleasant, Iowa; Kate, the wife of W. E. Keeler, of La Grange, Illinois; J. H., of this review; Frank B., who is living on the home farm in Henry county;

Elizabeth, the wife of Edward Weir, of Mount Pleasant; and Guy Amelia, whose home is in La Grange.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of life for James H. Montgomery in his boyhood and youth. His time was divided between the duties of the school room, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields, and he continued to assist in the cultivation of the home farm until the spring of 1888, when he came to Fairfield and entered into his present association with the firm of Joel Turney & Company as superintendent of the wagon factory. He has since held this position and systematic methods are employed in every branch of the business, while in the control of the work Mr. Montgomery displays a ready recognition of the opportunities for improvement in the equipment of the plant. He also is quick to note faithfulness and ability on the part of employes and to commend them for promotion as opportunity offers. Since entering into connection with the business Mr. Montgomery has been financially interested in it and is also a stockholder in the Hawkeye Pump Company and in the Fairfield Gas & Electric Light Company.

In 1902 occurred the marriage of James H. Montgomery and Miss Ada Grant Lambertson. They now have three children, Lydia Lambertson, Charles Franklin and Mary Williams. Such in brief is the life history of one who is well known in business circles in Fairfield, having for almost a quarter of a century been identified with industrial activity here. He has never sought to figure in any public light for he has always concentrated his energies upon his business duties. Progress might be termed the keynote of his character for it is manifest in his management of the work under his control and in his own career he has made advancement that has depended upon his own exertions and merit.

SANFORD ZEIGLER.

Sanford Zeigler has been a lifelong resident of Jefferson county and is today one of the enterprising business men whose energy and determination have constituted the basic elements of his success, which has brought him to a leading position in commercial circles. He was born about five miles northwest of Fairfield, in Center township, July 13, 1859. His father, Casper Zeigler, was born in Ohio in 1837 and was brought by his parents to Iowa in 1846 when a little lad of nine years, the journey being made in one of the old time moving wagons known as prairie schooners. His parents were Samuel and Katharine (Snook) Zeigler, and the former is of Swiss origin. Samuel Zeigler was born in Switzerland and after his

emigration to America settled in Ohio, where he conducted a store and upon his removal to Iowa brought his stock of goods to this county, where he traded them for produce. At the time of his arrival Jefferson county was still a pioneer district, with much of the land unclaimed and uncultivated. He entered a tract in Center township from the government and at once began to break the sod and till the fields, continuing the further cultivation of the property until his death. In his family were three sons and five daughters: Amy; Margaret; Esther; Barbara, who is the widow of George Fowler, and resides upon the farm in Center township which her husband entered from the government; Elizabeth, the wife of Andy Cook, of Kansas City, Missouri; Casper; Samuel, now living in California; and Benjamin, a resident of North Dakota.

Casper Zeigler was reared on the old homestead farm in this county and with the family experienced the usual hardships and privations of pioneer life. In early manhood he went to Colorado largely for the benefit of his health, and spent a number of years in that state, engaged in mining. About 1870 he returned to Jefferson county and later purchased a farm in Keokuk county, whereon he died in 1873. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Ann Leathers, and was born in Kentucky in 1842. She was only six years of age when her parents came to Iowa, settling in Keokuk county, after which they went to Mahaska county, where the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Casper Zeigler was celebrated. Her death also occurred in Keokuk county, in April, 1907. By her marriage she has become the mother of three sons: Sanford; Samuel, living in What Cheer, Iowa; and George W., of Missouri.

Sanford Zeigler has resided continuously in Jefferson county except for a period of about nine years. He was eight years of age when the family went to Colorado and he remained in that state and in Keokuk, where he lived for one year, until he reached the age of seventeen. He then returned to Jefferson county and resided upon the home farm until twenty-seven years of age, when he came to Fairfield and entered the poultry business, with which he has since been connected. He has since extended the scope of his business, becoming a dealer in grain and eggs and as the years have passed has built up an extensive and profitable enterprise. His sales annually reach a large figure and he has in Fairfield an elevator with a capacity of thirty thousand bushels, enabling him readily to handle the grain which he purchases. In addition to his town interests he owns forty acres of land, constituting a well improved farm, and also an orchard of thirty acres one mile north of the city, mostly planted to apples. He is likewise a director of the Zeigler Canning Company of Muscatine, an incorporated business of which Sanford Zeigler and his two brothers own a half interest. He is likewise a director of the Fairfield

Gas & Electric Light Company and thus into various fields he has extended his efforts and the success which has attended him indicates the soundness of his judgment, his unfaltering energy and his keen sagacity. He is a man of determined purpose, who brooks no obstacles that can be overcome by persistent, earnest and honorable effort and gradually he has worked his way upward to success, being now numbered among the leading and prosperous business men of his adopted city.

In 1889 Mr. Zeigler was married to Miss Ella Bowers, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1866, and came to Iowa with her parents, John and Permelia Bowers, who were natives of Germany and died in Farmington, Van Buren county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Zeigler are the parents of nine children: Sanford J., Margaret, Raymond, Ariel, Harold, Evelyn, Ruth, Clarence and Florence.

Mr. Zeigler has always manifested deep concern in the welfare and up-building of this county and his labors have at various times been effective forces for advancement and improvement. As president of the Jefferson county Fair Association he did much to stimulate effort on the part of the agricultural community to produce better crops and raise higher grades of cattle. For the past three years he has been a member of the board of education of Fairfield, for three years served as county commissioner and for eleven years was a member of the city council, at the end of which time he resigned. While serving as alderman he was the champion of many measures which have proven of inestimable value in promoting the interests of the city and in all public affairs he has manifested the same loyalty and progressive spirit that have characterized the conduct of his private business interests. His political support is given to the republican party and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is also prominent in fraternal circles, having in Masonry attained the Knight Templar degree and also that of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Royal Arcanum. His life has been a busy, useful one, and he has become an important factor in the commercial circles of Fairfield, his prosperity being well deserved, for in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabating energy and industry that never flags.

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